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Bailing out: Swan Hunter shipyard workers on Tyneside carrying their tools out at the end of their shift yesterday after the receivers were called in

Shipyard closure threatens 6,000 workers

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MORE than 6,000 workers on Tyneside were last night waiting to find out how long their jobs would last as receivers moved into the Wallsend offices of Swan Hunter, the warship builders.

Only 48 hours after the company was told that it had been undercut by £50 million in its bid to build the Royal Navy's £170 million helicopter landing ship, the directors gave up their fight to keep the yard going.

But in an angry Commons clash, John Major defended the government's decision not to intervene and told MPs that he had deliberately brought forward the tendering process for the helicopter carrier order to see if Swan Hunter could win it. He explained that he could not accept the bid from the shipyard in the light of the cheaper bid from VSEL of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

In a brief meeting with union leaders before accountants from Price Waterhouse arrived at the yard, directors told employees their jobs would be safe for the immediate future. Price Waterhouse said, however, that some layoffs could be unavoidable. They said that because of "the unusual suddenness" of the company's failure they were unsure of what state they would find the business in.

Almost 2,500 people are employed directly at the yard and another 4,000 with subcontractors depend on Swan Hunter for their jobs.

The receivers said: "The need first of all is to establish with the Ministry of Defence as the principal customer whether satisfactory arrangements can be reached for continuation of work on the vessels presently under construction." Three Type 23 frigates are being built at the

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Top defence writer joins The Times

■ Lawrence Freedman, below, Britain's foremost defence commentator, joins *The Times* today. Professor Freedman, head of the authoritative War Studies department at King's College, London, was formerly with *The Independent*. His arrival further strengthens the top team of *Times* writers covering defence and diplomacy.

■ Diplomatic Editor Michael Binyon, the only foreign affairs specialist to have been bureau chief in Washington, Moscow, Brussels and Bonn, writes today on page 8 about the latest act of



the transatlantic drama over Bosnia. Defence Correspondent Michael Evans, among the most experienced observers of national and international security crises, writes today from Split.

■ Diplomatic Correspondent Eve-Ann Prentice and top war correspondents Richard Beeston, Charles Bremner, Adam LeBor and Tim Judah complete the *Times* team providing unsurpassed coverage of world trouble spots.

■ Lawrence Freedman's first piece, on the bleak prospects for allied action in Bosnia, appears on page 11.

Clarke U-turn on fines takes heat off Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND FRANCES GIBB

■ The speedy abolition of unit fines has eased pressure on government and paves the way for John Major to make a fighting speech to Scottish Tories today

KENNETH Clarke promised yesterday to scrap the discredited system of income-related fines in a spectacular U-turn only a week after pledging his support for its principles.

The speed and magnitude of the reverse took the Commons by surprise, but the move was immediately hailed by ministers as the start of a government fightback after its disaster at the polls last week.

Conservative backbenchers welcomed the decision as proof that ministers were listening at last, and John Major will today cite the climbdown as evidence of his determination to focus on traditional Tory issues such as law and order.

Besides abolishing the unit fines system, which led to £700 parking penalties, the home secretary promised to restore a court's rights to consider an offender's previous convictions, tighten the law against bail breakers and double to ten years the maximum jail sentence for drivers who kill. The necessary legislation will be incorporated in the criminal justice bill now going through Parliament. Mr Clarke admitted that the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which came into force seven months ago, was plainly not working as Parliament would have liked, and added: "It is clearly in the interests of justice that I should move to put matters right quickly now."

Only last week, Mr Clarke had tried to devise new guidelines with magistrates to end some of the "absurdities" of the act, but justices' clerks said they were unsound and possibly illegal, and refused to implement them. Yesterday, the home secretary told the Commons that the scheme could not be modified and would have to be abolished, but he said magistrates would still consider an offender's means in setting fines.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, welcomed the decision to "remedy the abuses" of the 1991 act, but added: "Never have we seen so quick a collapse of government policy. Having spent weeks, if not months, robustly telling us that the Criminal Justice Act had a lot to commend it, you now equally robustly tell us that you must scrap its central provisions."

He warned Mr Clarke not to leave a dreadful hole by failing to address arbitrary and inconsistent sentencing, which the act was designed to prevent.

The about-turn, after the climbdown earlier this week on school testing, delighted Tory MPs, however, and it clearly eased the prime minister's position at the end of one of the most difficult weeks of his premiership. Today he will attempt to reassert his authority with a fighting speech to the Scottish Conservatives in which he will promise to listen to voters' concerns but refuse to be deflected from tough decisions. Law and order will be a key theme of his address. As well as deciding to try to restore the tarnished image of the criminal justice system by scrapping the unit fines system, the cabinet also agreed yesterday to include a major new criminal justice bill in the next parliamentary programme. The measure will herald a crackdown on persistent offenders and juvenile crime.

Mr Major will be anxious to produce a morale-boosting speech today as he is confronted by the prospect of another potentially hazardous by-election with the death yesterday of Robert Adley, which reduced the government's majority to 18. Mr Adley, the MP for Christchurch in the Conservatives' southern heartland, had one of the biggest party's majorities at 23,015, but the seat could fall with a swing of only 20 per cent. Last week, the Liberal Democrats achieved a 28 per cent swing in Newbury and they managed a 20 per cent swing to take Eastbourne in 1990.

The government faces a critical decision on when to stage the by-election. By convention, such polls are susually held within three months, but Tory MPs predicted last night taht the prime minister might wait at least until he has concluded his expected midsummer cabinet reshuffle in which Norman Lamont is still thought likely to be moved.

The executive of the Conservative 1922 Committee last night held its own inquest on the results in Newbury and the

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Cabinet to put legal clamp on bugging

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEGISLATION to outlaw the use on private property of surveillance equipment such as listening devices and telephoto lenses is to be announced by Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, in the wake of the royal bugging saga.

A bill to put MI6 on a statutory basis was also approved by John Major's Cabinet yesterday for the next Queen's speech. It will do little to lift the secrecy over the intelligence-gathering agency, but will at least give recognition to its existence.

The new criminal offences against physical intrusion, to be included in Mr Clarke's criminal justice bill, are expected to follow the recommendations of Sir David Calcutt in his report on press regulation. They will cover unauthorised entry on to private property by anyone for the purposes of obtaining personal information, film or recordings for publication.

Despite problems, officials are confident they can frame the bill without harming innocent photographers.

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Cambridge ahead in university 'league'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE University has opened a clear lead over its ancient rival at Oxford in *The Times*'s second league table of universities, which is published today.

When the first British university rankings appeared last October the two universities were locked together, Cambridge ahead by less than one point out of 1,000. Since then it has pulled ahead in an official assessment of research strengths, and new figures have shown better staffing levels. Oxford's lead in research and consultancy income, as well as graduate employment prospects, were not enough to close the gap.

The two universities finish well ahead of their rivals, though Imperial College, London, is within striking distance. Edinburgh has a clear lead over the other Scottish universities, and Cardiff pips Swansea in Wales.

As in the previous exercise, most traditional universities finish ahead of the former polytechnics. The University of the West of England, at Bristol, is the top-rated new university, at 56th.

The top ten universities: 1 Cambridge, 2 Oxford, 3 Imperial College, London, 4 equal Edinburgh and University College London, 6 Birmingham, 7 equal Warwick and York, 9 Nottingham, 10 equal Bath, Bristol and Leeds.

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Russia's sanctions plea

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Russian government wants the United Nations to start lifting sanctions against Serbia if Belgrade continues to back the Vance-Owen plan, Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, said yesterday.

Mr Kozyrev has in the past been the strongest Russian supporter of sanctions against Serbia. That forms part of his general commitment to a policy of co-operation with the West, for which he and the Russian government have been attacked bitterly by the opposition.

Such criticism has come even from moderate opponents, and senior Russian diplomats have suggested in recent months that if Serbia acted constructively sanctions might be lifted, or that they should also be imposed on Croatia. That belief has increased with the Croatian offensive this week in Bosnia. If Croat pressure on the Muslims continues, the Russian government is likely to demand sanctions against Zagreb as the price of remaining generally in step with the West over the former Yugoslavia.

Russia, however, has almost no chance at the moment of persuading other security council members to ease the sanctions on the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia. Western diplomats have tied any relaxation of UN sanctions, which the council tightened last month, to Belgrade's success in putting pressure on Bosnian Serbs not only to accept but also to implement the Bosnian peace plan.

It is notoriously difficult for the security council to lift sanctions once they have been imposed, because of the need for a solid majority of nine of the council's 15 members and the support of all five veto-bearing permanent council members.

Mr Kozyrev, meanwhile, also had praise for what he called the courage of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, in making his recent declaration of Serbian sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs. "This is not a betrayal of the Bosnian Serbs but, finally, a real defence of the national interest of Serbia itself and of the Serbs of Bosnia," Mr Kozyrev told the Interfax news agency.

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Battler Clarke puts bruised Blair out for the count

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

An event occurred in the Chamber yesterday of the kind we may one day look back upon and say "Ah, *that* was the day we first got an inkling ..."

It was the first time anyone had seen it happen. Kenneth Clarke annihilated Tony Blair.

Clarke has always been a prize puncher. A boxer, not a fencer, there is nothing of the weasel in him.

Plenty of aggression but no malice, his manner by turns jolly or belligerent, he is unguarded, intellectually confident and careless whether he knocks things over by mistake.

Who else could have got away with chortling that he hadn't read the Maastricht treaty, or describing the government as "in a dreadful hole"?

If there remained any doubt that Clarke was a potential Tory leader, it was wiped out yesterday by a single punch.

As to Tony Blair, there never was any doubt that he is a potential successor to John Smith.

While Smith paws the air and frets "Why on airth?" at the dispatch box, it has sometimes seemed that the Opposition has devised a system for picking each succeeding leader off the shelf just after his sell-by date has expired: and that Blair, still fresh and saleable, has been lodged on the shelf to stale a little, while Smith loses the next election.

Talk of Blair's charms has been growing. He is persuasive and nice: a splendid debater.

Middle-class, middle-of-the-road and ideology-free, Blair does not sound as though he ever could have been a socialist, let alone be one now. His hair is perfect. Clarke is home secretary, Blair his shadow. Blair has been doing well, fulminating about rising crime, comforting old ladies and looking more like the policeman's friend than any Labour front bencher has ever done before.

For the first time in their lives, Tories can see law-and-order as a potential vote-*loser*. Blair arrived yesterday as a rising stock.

The home secretary, by contrast, was in trouble. His criminal justice act was not working, magistrates were in revolt and he had come to the House to climb down.

Clarke can do this sort of thing frankly and without apology, and his statement sounded confident, but nothing could disguise the retreat. Tony Blair rose — for the kill, we supposed.

He made a fatal mistake. Unable to resist the lure of a headline, or a slot on the six o'clock news, Blair began by ignoring the statement and demanding instead a statement on the "royal bugging" story.

It was plainly suicide. When he did turn to the Criminal Justice Act, his remarks lost force in a shaking of Tory heads, and disapproving clucks.

Clarke arose and gave him the most comprehensive verbal thumping anyone has seen Blair receive.

Pushing aside his notes, and with the Tories cheering behind him, the home secretary told him his priorities were utterly absurd: ridiculous allegations promoting a sleazy book. "A tabloid politician," he spat.

Would he care to "turn away from royal scandals and the bugging of matrimonial rows, and turn his mind to something that actually matters to ordinary men and women?"

The Tories, who are feeling bruised, loved it. At last! A champ! ... but — aye, there's the rub. What a contrast with the wooden exchanges at PM's questions ten minutes earlier.

Labour, who had thought they were on to a winner, hated it. What? Our Tory, bested? ... but — aye, there *was* that compensation: he'd been upstaging the boss too often of late. This should quell the muttering, for a bit.

For Labour, then, a cloud with a silver lining. For the Tories an unexpected burst of sunshine: but with a rumble of distant thunder.

Princess tops MPs' list of bugging suspects

By Jamie Dettmer

THE hue and cry over press allegations of MI5 dirty tricks against the royal family raged on yesterday, with backbench Tory MPs claiming that the Princess of Wales was the most likely person behind the recordings of sensitive conversations at Highgrove House.

Pointing to the discrepancy between Buckingham Palace's insistence that the transcript of an argument between the Prince and Princess of Wales is a forgery and ministers acknowledgement that someone is bugging the royal couple, backbench Tory MPs suggested that the government could well know who is responsible but is embarrassed to say. Privately, several MPs agreed that the finger of suspicion seemed to point to a member of the royal household or one or other of the royal couple, with the princess being prime suspect.

Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East, said he was unsure why the police had not been called in. "I cannot understand why the editors and staff of *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* are not being interviewed by the police to discover who supplied, procured and planted these alleged tapes and bugging devices."

In yesterday's *Evening Standard*, Rupert Allason, Conservative MP for Torbay and author of several books on the security services, dismissed as absurd tabloid claims that MI5 or GCHQ, the government's electronic eavesdropping department, bug the royal family. "There has to be a demonstrable and credible threat to the realm before the director-general [of MI5] will take action, and the domestic squabbles of the Royal family certainly do not fall into that category," he wrote.

However, there is a precedent for security service interest in the private lives of the royals. In 1936, British intelligence kept a close eye on Wallis Simpson and monitored her romance with Edward VIII months before the king's abdication.

Yesterday Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, remained adamant that no branch of British security had listened in on the Wales's. He dismissed the whole affair as a "silly circulation row between a couple of newspapers and a man trying to sell a book".

His comments, and John Major's call on Wednesday for newspapers to provide evidence of their allegations, were taken up yesterday by Bridget Rowe, editor of *The People*, which published a royal bugging story in January. She insisted she could give Mr Clarke evidence to change his mind.

Other journalists went on the offensive. James Whitaker, the *Mirror's* royal watcher, whose book lies at the heart of this latest royal row, yesterday dismissed Buckingham Palace's claim that the Prince and Princess of Wales were not together at at Highgrove in November or December when the recording was purportedly made.

"Maybe it was October 28 they were there. They are saying it wasn't that particular month, trying to discredit the whole thing."

Yesterday both the *Sun* and *Mirror* published details of an alleged conversation between the princess and a friend, said to have taken place two years before the royal separation. The princess is quoted as saying: "I have been acting the biggest role of my career for ten years."

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Shipshape: happier times on Tyneside 20 years ago, when Swan Hunters built supertankers for the world

Labour attacks death of warship builder

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yard, and the last is due for completion at the end of next year. The receivers said they would be seeking buyers for the business and would do everything possible to hold together the present workforce and skills to give prospects of a sale the best possible chance.

The decision to call in the receivers prompted an immediate political storm, with Labour MPs forcing a Commons debate on the issue next week. Nick Brown, for Labour, said Mr Major must have known when he withheld the helicopter carrier contract from Swan Hunter that he was "bringing shipbuilding to Tyneside to an end". Six thousand people would now lose their jobs, he said. "Can you tell them where they will find alternative work?," he demanded.

Mr Major said it was because he knew of the difficulties faced by the yard that he agreed with Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, to bring forward that tender earlier. He was not in a position to select a tender that was "many tens of millions" higher than VSEL.

On Wednesday the government outlined a package of measures including the creation of an enterprise zone and a £2.5 million industrial development. Next week's debate will be opened by David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman and MP for South Shields. He called the government's aid scheme, announced on Tuesday by Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, "a flea-bite package".

Robin Cook, Labour's industry spokesman, said: "Ministers were warned by constituency MPs six months ago that Swan Hunter would be at risk of closure. What makes me very angry is that it looks as if ministers have not used those six months to prepare any package to keep the yard in business, and we are now seeing the loss of the last ship-building yard on Tyneside."

Mr Sainsbury responded that it was not practical to keep the yard open. "It just isn't real. It isn't the answer for the next century."

Workers left the yard soon after the announcement by the receivers, many of them carrying their craftsman's tools in the traditional hand-made wooden boxes after a warning from shop stewards that the receivers could seize anything of value in the works.

Most were bitter about recent events. Some even claimed it had been a deliberate government ploy to close Swan Hunter. Brian Flood, leader of North Tyneside council, said the government aid package was "too little too late".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Firefighters to vote on pay-deal strike

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) are planning a one-day national strike over pay, followed by strikes by individual brigades (Philip Bassett writes). The annual conference, in Bridlington, Humberside, of the FBU yesterday voted unanimously to ballot its 48,000 members on strike action, which would be the first in the fire service for 15 years. The leadership has considered detailed plans for strikes to maintain a pay formula linking wages to the top 25 per cent of male manual workers' earnings, agreed as a settlement to the 1977-78 firemen's strike.

The union said that without guarantees from the government and local authorities about maintenance of the formula, it would hold a ballot before the November pay date. The Home Office said it would be premature to go for strike action now, and Mike Cann, of the local authority employers, said: "We have not said we want to scrap the pay agreement." The FBU says the government's insistence it will not allow any catching-up on pay after the end of this year's 1.5 per cent public-sector pay limit, which will be applied to pay in November, scraps the formula.

Cigar manager guilty

A senior manager with Alfred Dunhill, the tobacconists, was found guilty yesterday of stealing thousands of cigars from the company's London showrooms. Phillip Colley, 44, of St Leonards, East Sussex, took vintage cigars worth more than £10,000 by posing as the son of a dead army officer, Southwark Crown Court was told. The jury said it would like any profit from the sale of cigars which Colley had stolen, but which were recovered, to go to Cancer Research for Children. Sentence was adjourned for a report.

Group 4 inmate was ill

A prisoner in a Group 4 jail had taken so many illegal drugs that he believed he was a chicken and was unfit to appear in court, a judge was told. The mental health of Robert Ferguson allegedly deteriorated as a result of using drugs inside Wolds remand centre, Humberside, Simon Reevell, his barrister, told York Crown Court, and he was transferred to a secure unit at Wakefield. Ferguson admitted attempted burglary, assault, handling stolen goods and deception. He was made the subject of a hospital order.

Black royal chaplain

The Queen has appointed her second black chaplain. Canon Sehon Goodridge, who originates from Barbados and is principal of the Simon of Cyrene Theological Institute in south London, joins a group of 40 clergy in the College of Chaplains who are occasionally invited to preach at the Chapel Royal and at the Queen's Chapel in St James's Palace. In 1984 the Queen appointed the Rev David Tonge, a native West Indian and vicar of a Worcestershire parish, as her first black chaplain.

Ad campaign not sexist



An advertisement for a car featuring the model Naomi Campbell, right, in bondage-style clothing in a stylised torture chamber is not sexist, the Independent Television Commission ruled yesterday, after receiving complaints about Vauxhall's campaign for its Corsa car. The commission said that the advertisement and others in the same campaign featuring models were "tongue-in-cheek".

Rape suspect hunted

Detectives hunting a rapist who imprisoned his victim in her home and threatened to kill her have released the name of a man they wish to interview in connection with the attack. They want to question John White, 29, from East Dulwich, southeast London, and issued a warning yesterday that he should be regarded as "extremely dangerous". On March 26, a 43-year-old woman was forced inside her home in southeast London, where she was raped and indecently assaulted.

U-turn takes the heat off Major

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shire counties, but as they entered the meeting, some members said the atmosphere had been much improved by Mr Clarke's statement. One said: "This proves that government ministers are at last listening."

Magistrates also expressed delight at the change of policy. Rosemary Thompson, vice chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "The home secretary has gone much further and more quickly than we asked. We are not wedded to the idea of units so much as the principle of equality of inconvenience — that a fine should be as inconvenient for a rich person as a poor one."

But the Howard League for Penal Reform said the reversal was a shambles. Frances Crook, the director, described it as an emotional and irrational rsponse to a middle-class inspired furore, adding: "The system needed fine-tuning, but not an ignominious retreat."

Bryan Gibson, one of the justices' clerks who founded the unit fines scheme described the decision to scrap it as unbelievable. The justices' clerks society would be meeting Mr Clarke on Monday and hoped to hear details of the changes then.

The unit system prompted to the resignation of some thirty magistrates, including Ann Peat of Sheffield. She described yesterday's decision as brilliant, but said she would not be returning to the bench. The Magistrates' Association said that those JPs who did want to return would have to re-apply in the usual way.

Magistrates praise climbdown over income-linked fines

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE home secretary's decision to scrap income-related fines brought mixed reactions of delight and bitterness from different parts of the criminal justice system last night, coupled with warnings that the prison population could now rise.

Magistrates welcomed the abolition but insisted that they remained wedded to the principle of higher fines for the wealthy. Rosemary Thompson, vice-chairman of the Magistrates' Association, which helped to draw up the new guidance on unit fines last week with Home Office officials, said that there should be "equality of inconvenience" — that a fine should be as inconvenient for a rich person as a poor one. "As long as that principle is preserved, we will be happy."

She hoped that new legislation would not be brought in too hastily. Magistrates would ensure — via an amendment to the bill — that they could continue to impose higher fines for the better-off.

Bryan Gibson, clerk to the Basingstoke justices and one of the founders of the unit-fines scheme, said the decision was unbelievable. "No one has suggested scrapping the scheme entirely. It has had general party-political support and support across the criminal justice system — what happened was that the government got the implementation of the scheme wrong."

The unit-fines system has prompted about 30 resignations among magistrates and widespread fury over the swingeing penalties imposed on modest-income earners. Ann Peat, who resigned as a JP in Sheffield, said yesterday: "I am absolutely delighted and extremely gratified at this news because I fought long and hard to get something done about this act."

But there was criticism from penal groups. Frances Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said that the reversal of policy would cause a shambles. "It is an emotional and irrational response to a middle-class inspired furore," she said. "The system needed fine-tuning, but not an ignominious retreat."

Albert Pacey, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee, said: "We certainly welcome this announcement because of the anomalies that have been revealed and it should now allow the courts to deal comprehensively with people who have very bad records and allow them to impose effective sanctions, which has not been the case."

Adam Sampson, of the Prison Reform Trust, said that the impact on the criminal justice system was likely to be grave. "Repealing the section covering previous convictions will ensure our jails are once again cluttered up with persistent but petty offenders."

Roger Ede, secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, argued that the fine system should have been amended rather than abandoned. He said it had succeeded where successive home secretaries had failed in reducing the prison population.

NUT tolls tests' death knell

By Ben Preston and Robert Morgan

THE biggest teaching union yesterday appeared to sign the death warrant for this summer's school tests by voting overwhelmingly to join the boycott.

The National Union of Teachers' decision means only a handful of schools are likely to conduct the tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds despite a plea by John Major that they go ahead.

Few head teachers and governors can fulfil their statutory duty to implement the tests in the face of the boycott by the three main classroom unions, representing more than three-quarters of teachers.

The first national league table of primary schools is also certain to be a casualty of the largest public-sector industrial action since the miners' strike.

Doug McAvoy, NUT general secretary, demanded the immediate suspension of the tests after 93,914 of the 97,446 members who voted supported industrial action. But the union only just secured a mandate for action, as its rules require support from two-thirds of eligible members. Votes for a boycott totalled 67.29 per cent of the 139,560 electorate.

Mr McAvoy said if John Patten, the education secretary, did not call off the tests, his members would. "The chaos caused by the tests can now be avoided. Pupils will benefit from having more attention from their teachers."

Mr Major said in the Commons that he was sad to see the result of the NUT ballot.

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Chess woman joins new mate in Croatia

By Ian Murray

LOVE has lured Britain's top woman chess player to Croatia. After a romance during a tournament last month, Susan Arkell, 27, has moved to Zagreb with Bogdan Lalic, 29, a Croatian grandmaster.

Mrs Arkell has been British women's champion since 1990 and is one of the top 40 women players in the world.

Two years ago she was disqualified from an inter-zonal world championship match after refusing to travel to Serbia to compete, on the grounds that any location in the former Yugoslavia was unsafe.

"Now she writes to me to say that the war situation is very stable," Cathy Forbes, a former British champion and friend of Mrs Arkell, said yesterday. "She says she feels very safe with her man. She is plainly not interested in the war but is very much in love and happy in her new life.

"We may expect foreign players to behave in this way, but everyone is astonished because Susan is such a strait-laced British girl."

Mrs Arkell and her husband Keith, an international master who is among the 20 best players in Britain, were married for seven years before separating in January. They lived in Derbyshire.

Next month she will travel to Vienna to play for a place in the finals of the inter-zonal world championships. The British chess world is alarmed at the prospect of Mrs Arkell playing for Croatia if she marries Mr Lalic. Bob Wade, the English national coach who is likely to be umpire for *The Times* World Chess Championship between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov, said: "She's the leader of our national team for some years ahead and under her wing we had hoped to see talented young players develop, inspired by her example."

Paper confirms takeover bid

By Alexandra Frean and Edward Owen

A MAJOR shareholder in Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, said yesterday it had lost patience with the way the company was being run and wanted to take greater control of the two titles.

A source at the Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, which holds nearly 19 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, told *The Times* it wished to install a new business manager and send Andreas Whittam Smith, who is both chief executive of Newspaper Publishing and editor of *The Independent*, "downstairs" to concentrate on editing.

"*El Pais* regards *The Independent* as a bloody arrogant bunch of people," the source said. His comments follow a joint agreement earlier this week by *El Pais*, and the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, which together own around 39 per cent of Newspaper Publishing's shares, to increase their stakes in the British publisher to raise cash for its future development.

Prince Carlo Caracciolo, president of *La Repubblica*, and Juan Luis Cebrián, a director of Prisa, which owns *El Pais*, will today attend a routine gathering of the media lobby group the European Publishers Council at the Palace Hotel in Madrid, where they are expected to have informal discussions about the possibility of taking combined control of the British group.

The two papers are keen to protect their original stake in *The Independent* group, which has fallen in value since it was acquired in 1990.

The Spaniards are particularly disillusioned. They had been looking forward to co-operating with *The Independent* after bailing it out, but now complain that the British paper refuses to carry many of their articles. Both *El Pais* and *La Repubblica*, which together own around 39 per cent of Newspaper Publishing's shares, to increase their stakes in the British publisher to raise cash for its future development.

La Repubblica is Italy's leading daily newspaper, with a daily circulation of nearly 680,000. Founded in 1975, the paper has been continuously profitable since 1978. It has embarked on a programme of international expansion, having recently bought a 16.8 per cent interest in the Portuguese daily paper *O Publico*.

El Pais sells over 400,000 copies a day and more than 1 million on Sundays. Prisa also owns a leading commercial radio station.

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CORRECTION

A report (May 10) incorrectly stated that Save the Children had reduced from eight to two its staff in northern Iraq: in fact there are seven, as well as local people.

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Parents weep as jury convicts nurse of killing two babies

By Lin Jenkins

BEVERLY Allitt was yesterday convicted of murdering two babies in her care on the children's ward of Grantham and Kesteven District Hospital. After deliberating for 15 hours, the jury at Nottingham Crown Court found her guilty of murdering nine-week-old Becky Phillips and Claire Peck, 15 months.

She was also convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to injure Kayley Desmond, 14 months, Henry Chan, 2, and five-week-old Christopher King on the ward where she was working on a six-month contract after qualifying as an enrolled nurse. She was acquitted of murdering the three children.

Parents wept as the jury foreman gave the verdict on eight of the 26 charges faced by Allitt. An usher had to call for quiet when a loud gasp from the public gallery interrupted the foreman after he returned the first murder verdict.

Mr Justice Latham thanked the jury for their verdicts and sent them out to consider the remaining charges, two of murdering another baby and an 11-year-old mentally disabled boy, eight of attempted murder and eight of causing grievous bodily harm.

Allitt, 24, of Corby Glen, Lincolnshire, was not in court to hear the verdicts. She denied all charges and remains in Rampton Hospital suffering from anorexia nervosa.

Becky Phillips, a nine-week-old premature twin, was given a massive dose of insulin by Allitt shortly before she was discharged from hospital on April 4, 1991. The court heard that she became ill that night at home in Grantham. Susan Phillips earlier described to the court how her daughter writhed with convulsions and screamed in pain before eventually falling asleep. "She was crying and crying. Whatever I did, it did not console her. It was pitiful screaming. I have never heard a cry like it before nor have I heard it since."

Later, after the baby settled, Mrs Phillips noticed she had stopped breathing. Efforts to resuscitate her at home and at hospital failed. Allitt is also accused of the attempted murder or causing grievous bodily harm to Becky's twin sister, Katie. Claire Peck, was admitted to the hospital suffering from asthma. She twice collapsed while in the care of Allitt before dying.



Allitt: faces more murder charges

Post-mortem tests found lignocaine, an anaesthetic drug also used in heart attacks, in Claire's blood with high levels of potassium which were beyond the scale which could be measured on hospital equipment.

John Goldring QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Allitt had administered something which caused Claire's death. The two babies died within 15 days of each other.

Susan Peck, of Dalderton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, described the moments of her daughter's death to the court. "I sat there holding Claire and looked around to say 'is that it?' I knew she was dying but did not know if she was going to die in my arms or if it had already happened. I just wanted some help. Everybody either looked away or looked at the floor, but Allitt just stood there. I will never, ever, forget it. She was just staring, staring, staring at me."

Allitt assaulted Kayley Desmond, 15 months, by injecting her with something. X-rays after her unexpected collapse found air inside her right armpit. Mr Goldring had earlier told the court: "It is absolutely plain, someone took a syringe and deliberately injected Kayley with it, in all probability under the armpit."

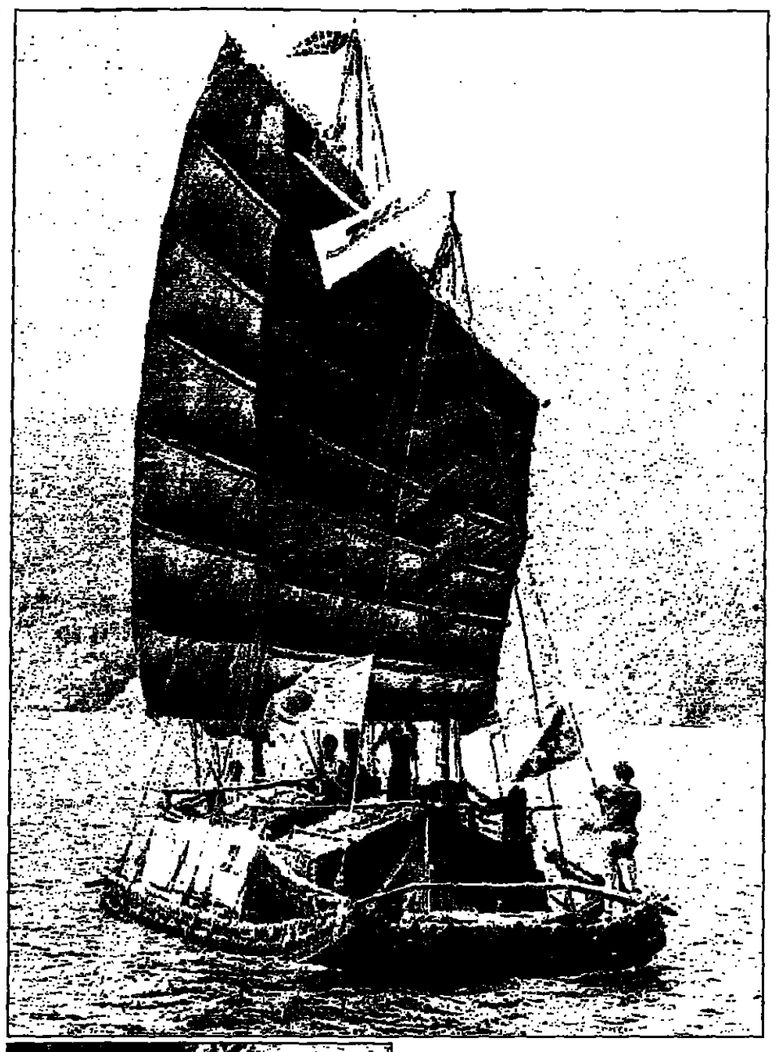
Henry Chan was admitted to hospital after falling from a window and fracturing his skull. He was improving when left alone with Allitt, and then turned dark blue, stopped breathing and was found lying on his back arched and stiff. What exactly happened was not known. Mr Goldring had suggested: "A hand over the nose and mouth. It would not have been difficult. Henry was last seen fast asleep."

Christopher King, was being treated for a stomach upset when his mother Belinda, a nursing colleague of Allitt's, felt he was doing so well that she could leave his cot side. She returned to find he had turned grey. The baby was transferred to Nottingham where he recovered.

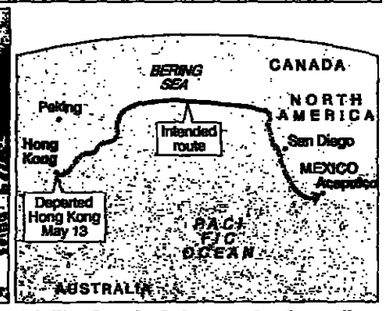
Allitt faces a further 12 charges of attempted murder and grievous bodily harm relating to six patients on the children's ward between February 15 and April 22, 1991, the 15-year-old son of a friend, and a 73-year-old woman at an old people's home.

Members of the jury were sent to an hotel for a third night and will resume their deliberations this morning.

Sailors harness computer technology on Pacific voyage







Mexico-bound: the raft leaves Hong Kong with Tim Severin, below, waving farewell

Bamboo raft heads for America

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A BRITISH adventurer set sail from Hong Kong on a bamboo raft yesterday, attempting to show that ancient Asian mariners could have made the 6,500-mile voyage to the Americas in the 3rd century BC. But unlike their predecessors, Tim Severin and his crew of six will be carrying a computer that will enable them to send satellite reports of their progress to London and the United States.

They will be able to send and receive messages and faxes, and link into local air and sea rescue services. The computer will continue to operate even if submerged.

As they cross the Pacific on their 5½-month voyage to Mexico, the crew plan to send expeditionary reports to *The Times* via satellites operated by the International Maritime Satellite Organisation. They also intend to beam weather and maritime information to the Mariners Museum in Virginia, so that staff can compare satellite information with measurements made by the crew six inches above the sea's surface.

The museum will relay this information to schools and colleges. Mr Severin, 53, said: "If all the equipment works well, they [students] can begin to ask questions. These will be sent by satellite out to me on the raft and I will respond."

To make the communications links possible, the 60ft raft will carry wind turbines and thin, flexible solar panels. Mr Severin rejected suggestions that the voyage was diminished by the technology. "Its basic function is safety. It does not get one to the other side of the ocean," he said. "That will depend on bamboo and rattan, materials that have been 3,000 years in use."

Yacht crews feared lost found safe in Atlantic

By Kate Alderson

THE families of five Britons feared drowned after a storm celebrated last night after hearing they were alive and well.

An air and sea search began four days ago after concern about the whereabouts of the yachts *Ocean Vagabond* and *Zuno*, which set sail from Bermuda for the Azores on May 4 and 5.

Rescue services received a distress signal from the *Zuno* on Tuesday, 1,000 miles northeast of Bermuda, and shortly afterwards a British tanker found an empty life raft from the *Ocean Vagabond* in the area.

It was feared that the two crews had drowned, but the US Coast Guard, which coordinated the search, said yesterday that they were alive. A spokesman said: "It appears that *Zuno* sank in a storm, but all four crew were rescued by *Ocean Vagabond*."

Within hours of making the rescue on Tuesday, the Zuno's skipper, Timothy Bright, radioed a cargo ship to say he had the *Ocean Vagabond* crew on board. It was not until yesterday, however, that the merchant vessel passed the message on.

On board *Zuno* with Mr Bright, 24, from Chester, were Laura Dewey, 26, from Bath, Billy Burke, 28, of Dublin, and Brendan Darrer, 21, of Waterford, plus a Canadian.

The Britons on the *Ocean Vagabond* were Lillian Hubbard, 21, from Chichester, Andrew Jarvis, 25, from Richmond, southwest London, and Miles Sutherland-Pilch, 20, from Pulborough, West Sussex. With them were a Dutchman and a woman from Norway.

Caroline Sutherland-Pilch, mother of Miles, said: "We will be having a party tonight. We never gave up hope, but we have been through hell and back. Miles is 21 years old today and this could not be a better birthday present."

Solo climber 'like a corpse'

By Nicholas Watt

■ A former SAS soldier admits that the harsh climate of Everest nearly broke him as he climbed to the summit without oxygen

WEAKENED by frost-bite and snow blindness, Harry Taylor had to be dragged into a tent like a corpse after climbing Everest alone and without oxygen, he said yesterday.

Speaking for the first time since he became the second Briton to reach the summit without oxygen on Sunday, Mr Taylor described how he feared for his life after the snow blindness hampered his progress.

"I was sitting not far from the South Col [on the way down] in the pitch black and I had lost my sight," he said from the expedition's advanced base camp at 23,000ft. "I could just see bluey lights ahead. I needed help and at that point I was concerned about my welfare."

Mr Taylor, 33, a former SAS soldier, was so exhausted by the climb that he could not savour his achievement on the summit. "I was so dog-tired all I did was sit down and take a picture. I just wanted to go home."

It took him until Monday night to reach the expedition's fourth camp at 26,000ft, after losing a crampon and fighting the agony of frost-bite and snow blindness. He spent three nights at high altitude without oxygen. "I think the nearest way of describing it is like putting a plastic bag over your head. I felt very, very old. My eyes were streaming. They were really irritated, as if they had lots and lots of sand in them."

When Mr Taylor finally arrived at the fourth camp, his fellow climbers Rebecca Stephens and John Barry provided urgent medical help. "I was so exhausted they literally dragged me into the tent like a corpse. They took off my crampon and nursed me because I was not fit to do anything myself."

The three climbers had intended to descend to the better-equipped third camp at 24,500ft on Tuesday, but Mr Taylor was still so ill on Tuesday morning that Miss Stephens had to go by herself, leaving Mr Barry to care for him. "We tried to leave on [Tuesday] afternoon," he said. "But by that stage my sight was still so bad I didn't dare walk down even big slopes. So we sat out another night, which was miserable for both of us.

"We proceeded down the next day in a big storm. If it hadn't been for John I wouldn't have got down."

Mr Taylor will descend to the expedition's base camp at 17,500 ft today, where doctors will decide whether he needs to be airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment. Mr Taylor said: "I want to get home as quickly as possible and sit in the garden and just take in a bit of British weather."

The climbers are part of the DHL Everest fortieth anniversary expedition, which is following the route taken by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing in 1953. It aims to raise £1 million for Sir Edmund's Himalayan Trust.

RSPCA traps owner of 'home alone' fish

By Richard Duce

EFFORTS by the RSPCA to track down cases of animal cruelty know no bounds, as the case of the "home alone" tropical fish proved before magistrates in Maidenhead yesterday.

Convinced that David Sharod, a businessman, was neglecting his fish, an RSPCA inspector decided to trap him by placing pieces of sticky tape on the corners of his front door and so monitor his movements.

Mr Turner had acted on a tip-off from the local electricity board that there was a fish tank inside the house at Maidenhead, Berkshire, but the building appeared to be unoccupied. After three days, Mr Turner gained entry to the house and removed two fish from a half-filled tank. The tank's filter did not work, Glyn Lloyd, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Sharod denies leaving a South American sucking loach and a sucking plec in circumstances likely to cause them unnecessary suffering. But when Richard Blake, for the defence, asked whether the fish looked distressed or were behaving in an unusual manner, Mr Turner confessed: "I don't know what a distressed fish looks like, I am not an expert on fish."

Mr Sharod said that he fed the fish at least once a week when he returned to the house and denied that the filter was faulty. "I like animals around the house, they are company. I made regular visits once a week. They looked perfectly happy. I've had these fish for a long time. I've read books that say fish can be left for two weeks or even six weeks, and it was better to leave them alone than to hand them over to a neighbour."

Michael Geach, a vet who examined the fish, said he believed it was unacceptable to leave the fish for a week. "In the wild they are continually feeding." However, Mr Geach agreed that the fish appeared to be in good condition.

The case was adjourned until June 10.

Canoe deaths were predicted

By Richard Duce

■ The campaign for an enquiry into the Lyme Bay accident which claimed four lives now centres on two instructors' warnings

INSTRUCTORS wrote to an adventure holiday firm warning it of shortcomings in safety standard nine months before four children died in a canoeing accident. A copy of the letter was handed to John Patten, the education secretary, yesterday.

The letter is central to the campaign by the parents of the four victims for a public enquiry into the incident in March in Lyme Bay when Claire Langley, Simon Dunne and Rachel Walker, all 16, and Dean Sawyer, 17, sixth-form students from Southway School, Plymouth, died from hypothermia after their canoes capsized.

Mr Patten was given a copy of the letter during a meeting with three sets of parents, Mr and Mrs Dunne, Mr and Mrs Langley, and Mr and Mrs Walker. Dean's parents were said to be still too upset to attend. Another copy of the letter will go to the prime minister.

Joy Cawthorne, who worked at the St Albans centre in Lyme Regis, Dorset, said in the typed letter: "We think you should have a very careful look at your standards of safety. Otherwise you might find yourselves trying to explain why someone's son or daughter will not be coming home."

David Jamieson, the parents' MP, accompanied them to London yesterday. He said: "All the issues about training and safety which have been raised after the tragedy were raised in this letter."

Miss Cawthorne wrote together with fellow instructor Richard Retallick to Active Learning and Leisure, which owns the St Albans centre, giving a warning of shortcomings in safety standards. The two resigned five weeks later and told Peter Kite, the managing director, in a letter: "The situation at St Albans grew to be totally unacceptable to us as professional and responsible sports instructors, so rather than compromise our ethics we were obliged to leave."

The following year the four students were dead. They had been accompanied by four friends, a teacher and two instructors. The party struggled in the water for several hours before the alarm was raised.

Miss Cawthorne said in her first letter: "We are walking a fine line between 'getting away with it' and having a very serious incident." She said that:

☐ In one raft-building session on a beach the instructor was a non-swimmer and "openly afraid" of water;

☐ Equipment at the centre was too flimsy or sophisticated for pupils;

☐ Excessively large classes were sent out in canoes. In one example, 20 children went out with two instructors, more than recommended by the British Canoe Union, according to Miss Cawthorne.

In a letter, Mr Kite replied: "At any centre that is in its first year, there are bound to be things that need sorting out. We are very concerned that any problems that are identified are resolved as quickly as possible."

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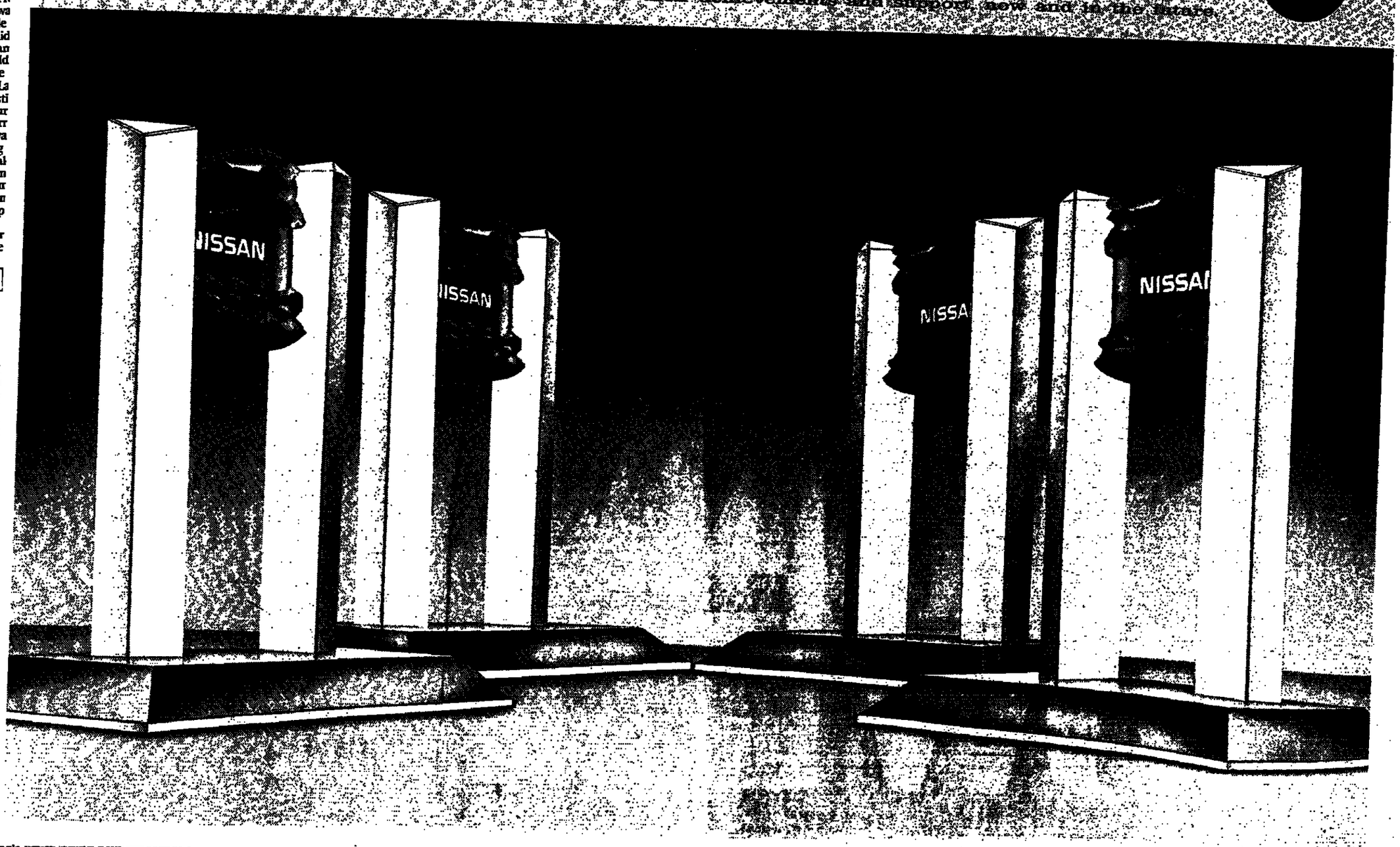
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Harley St rival waged hate campaign

Doctor with 'viper in his bosom' wins £85,000 libel award

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DOCTOR was awarded libel damages of £85,000 in the High Court yesterday from a Harley Street colleague who became a "viper in his bosom" and waged a ten-year hate campaign against him.

Dr Paul MacLoughlin claimed that Dr Gordon Kells was an obsessive psychopath and the "Judas" behind a campaign waged by means of anonymous letters to potential backers of a medical school which Dr MacLoughlin planned to launch and to the media.

He told Mr Justice Otton that Dr Kells, 50, a friend from medical school who used to practise from the same Harley Street address, stole documents and bugged his consulting room. Both men had previous experience of the cut and thrust of the courtroom and the judge told the jury that when the two doctors fell out they reached not only for their writs but their "scalpels dipped in venom".

Dr MacLoughlin said Dr Kells spread lies about his medical qualifications and army record and alleged he was involved in prostitution, illegal abortions, drugs and arms dealing.

Dr Kells was also allegedly behind a letter to the Freemasons, saying Dr MacLoughlin had joined them for his own ends, and another to his landlord, the Crown Estate Commissioners, saying he had made a death threat to Dr Kells. Dr MacLoughlin, 57, a fertility specialist, said the campaign effectively sabotaged his plan to found the Hunter School of Medicine, the first London medical school for 120 years, leaving him with debts of £1.6 million and forcing him to sell his home.

After a three-week tale of secret bugs, stolen documents and allegations of lies and deceit, the jury took more than six hours to find in favour of Dr MacLoughlin.

Dr Kells denied carrying out an anonymous campaign. But the jury accepted he was the author of claims that Dr MacLoughlin, a former SAS officer, had been involved in arms dealing, drugs, prostitution and abortion, had lied about his medical qualifications, and made death threats against him.

Dr Kells sat stony-faced as the jury found five separate instances of libel proved, and is facing costs estimated at £70,000 for the 12-day hearing. He is considering an appeal, but refused to comment.

Dr MacLoughlin, who conducted his own case, said afterwards: "I am very happy with the result. It has been a very tiring experience and has given me no pleasure having to take action against another doctor. I have been living with this for ten years and feel today is the beginning of the rest of my life."

Dr Kells was cleared in 1981 of the manslaughter of a patient during an operation to remove a wart in his surgery.

Dr MacLoughlin told how he welcomed him into his home only to discover what a "viper" he had in his bosom. Dr MacLoughlin shared his Harley Street house with Dr Kells and Dr Anthony Kenney, the Duchess of York's gynaecologist. He accused Dr Kells of rifling through his rubbish and waste paper bins to dig for dirt he could use in his campaign.

During the case it was suggested that the motive for Dr Kells's campaign was to force Dr MacLoughlin out of the house and consulting rooms which he leased in Harley Street. Dr Kells denied the allegation.

In 1991, Dr MacLoughlin won £50,000 libel damages from the *News of the World* over a story that accused him of duping the Duchess of York's gynaecologist into fronting a bogus infertility clinic. He believed that Dr Kells was behind the article, but he was never called to give evidence in that action.

As well as damages, he was given an undertaking by Dr Kells promising to discontinue the campaign, and an undertaking that he return all documents stolen and transcripts made of bugged conversations.



Building sight: the ten-bedroom, 11-bathroom Chelsea home includes an underground swimming pool lined with Romanesque pillars

House with hidden glories on sale for £9m

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

FROM the outside, No 9 Tregunter Road looks like any other white stucco Victorian house in Chelsea. But today it goes on the market for £9 million, one of the most expensive houses to be sold in London.

Behind the façade is a newly built mansion of ten bedrooms, 11 bathrooms and five reception rooms, with underground swimming pool and billiards room, underfloor heating and cooling systems, state-of-the-art computerised burglar systems and video entry.

The 10,000 sq ft house is divided into two, with the main residence at one end of the landscaped garden and a smaller lodge at the other end, with its own entrance and off-street parking for four cars. Linking the two are the swimming pool and the billiards room.

The house, developed by John Hunter of the firm Northacre, which is also responsible for redeveloping Observatory Gardens in Kensington, took three years to complete after nine months of discussions with planners. Several newsletters were sent to neighbours explaining why the developers had a 150ft crane blocking their road.

The crane was needed to clear the garden and shore up the foundations. Sixty tonnes of high-tensile steel has been embedded on a reinforced concrete supported structure, holding up the houses and the garden. The work involved 150 people.

The main house, with five bedrooms and four reception rooms, has a lift to all floors and an original Louis XVI marble fireplace in the drawing room. The kitchen units have been hand-made from English sycamore and have been inlaid.

In the basement dining room, the 20-seater dining table has been made from a 160-year-old mulberry tree that stood in the garden until it was brought down by gales.

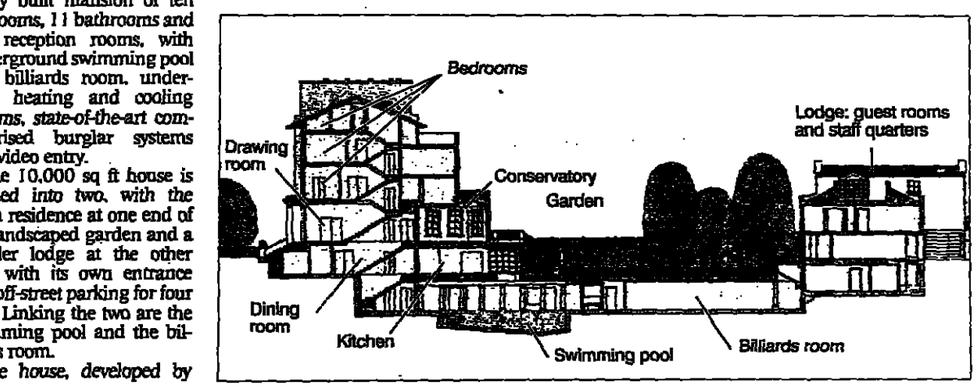
The swimming pool, lined with Romanesque pillars, reflects a ceiling mural painted by W.B. Mao, a Chinese art student from the Royal College of Art. The smaller lodge, of 3,000 sq ft of space, is mostly comprised of bedrooms. All five have their own bathrooms.

Running above them all is a large studio, which is fitted out to be used as a cinema, with remote control black-out shutters.

The house carries a ten-year warranty from the National House-Building Council. The guide price of £9 million includes carpets, curtains and soft furnishings.

Mr Hunter, who is selling the house directly through his firm without the use of an estate agent, believes that the most likely buyer is a foreigner. "It is more likely to be a European than an Arab or an American," he said.

Recent high-profile sales include Grove House in Regent's Park, for about £10 million.





Confidence booster: Monet's "La Jetée du Havre"

Monet sale raises art market hopes

BY JOHN SHAW

THE international art market received a fillip this week when Claude Monet's study of the jetty at Le Havre under a winter sky in February 1868 sold for $9.6 million (£6.3 million) at Christie's in the major spring sales of French Impressionist paintings in New York.

It went to a European buyer in an auction that showed the revival of a millionaires' market which collapsed in spectacular fashion at the end of 1990.

Christie's sale on Wednesday took $84.5m. Christopher Burge, the firm's president in America, said he was encouraged by the results. "We look forward with justifiable confidence. The sale total was within a whisper of being 90 per cent sold; furthermore, there was active bidding on almost every lot."

The sale reflected the trend set at Sotheby's the night before when a Cezanne still life with apples sold for a record £19.06 million. It was the star of a £37.3 million auction. Alex Apsis, head of Sotheby's Impressionist department in New York, said: "We were delighted. Basically the sales bore out what we have felt for the last six months, that the market is extremely strong for good things, but it's more difficult to sell second-level quality.

"Overall, there's a much more confident feel around as opposed to the immediate aftermath of the big drop, when people didn't know where the bottom was."

Mr Apsis said the Sotheby's auction also "psychologically raised the market ceiling. Before the sale, the highest price for any picture since the boom period was $14 million. No one really knew what the ceiling was before the sale and to bid $28 million for a picture was a big boost for the market".

The Christie's Monet was a striking historical picture painted when the artist was 28 and living with his aunt at Sainte Adresse in Normandy. Each day he set out across the estuary to Le Havre, and established the habit of a lifetime: first working on a canvas in the open and then reworking the subject in the studio.

Guildford Four man bombed pub, says QC

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A LAWYER claimed at an Old Bailey trial yesterday that Patrick Armstrong, one of the freed Guildford Four, was guilty of an IRA public house bombing that killed five people.

Anthony Evans QC, defending one of three former police officers accused of fabricating evidence against Mr Armstrong, told the jury: "We say to you that the innocent Armstrong does not exist. He is being created by the ill-informed, the misinformed and those who do not want to be properly informed."

Mr Armstrong was freed by the Court of Appeal in 1989 after serving 14 years in jail along with the three other people convicted of bombing the Horse and Groom and Seven Stars pubs in 1974.

Mr Evans, for former Det Sgt John Donaldson, said: "Can anyone who has been in this court not believe that he was responsible for the Guildford bombings and in particular of the Horse and Groom?"

Former Det Con Vernon Attwell, 52, Det Chief Insp Thomas Style, 59, and Mr Donaldson deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by manufacturing notes.

Mr Evans said that if Mr Donaldson had been concerned that the notes could have incriminated him, he would have had every opportunity to destroy them.

The trial continues today.

Papers pay Spencer damages

EARL Spencer, brother of the Princess of Wales, accepted undisclosed libel damages yesterday over two newspaper articles.

The reports had suggested that he was at the centre of a mystery over the sale of black-market tickets for the Bolshoi Ballet season at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Simon Ekins, solicitor for Lord Spencer, told Mr Justice Otton at the High Court that a report in *The Mail on Sunday* in February reflected gravely on his client's integrity.

It had said, correctly, that Earl Spencer held a 999-year lease on a private box at the hall, but it went on to suggest that he was suspected of having broken the rules by selling tickets for the box, or allowing them to be sold on his behalf, for £10 more than their face value.

The newspaper had also suggested that he was under investigation by the hall's management and that he was liable to be fined or barred from the box.

Mr Ekins said that the publisher Associated Newspapers and the journalist Denna Allen unreservedly withdrew the allegations — which they accepted were untrue — and apologised. They had agreed to pay the earl substantial damages and costs.

Times Newspapers also apologised for spreading the libel by referring to the story in a column called What the Other Papers Say in *The Sunday Times* on the same day.

The company had agreed to pay the earl damages and costs.

Lord Spencer was not in court for the hearing.

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Cannes seeks to boost UK's 'handicapped' film industry

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE director of the Cannes international film festival yesterday said he had deliberately chosen as many as four British films to take part in the competition this year to highlight the "enormous handicap" faced by British filmmakers.

Speaking on the festival's opening day, Gilles Jacob appealed to the government to provide more financial help for the ailing British film industry. He said that he was delighted that the shortage of American entries this year would restore a European balance to the competition.

"We hope this action will show the British government that they must introduce some form of financial incentives to encourage the British cinema," he said. "It is also our way of paying tribute to the British movie industry."

M Jacob said it was unfair that productions such as *Raining Stones*, directed by Ken Loach, had had to be shot within five weeks because of shortage of resources, compared to an average of ten weeks for most films made in other European countries. "It is to the credit of British technicians, performers and production teams that they can manage to produce such good material under these conditions. At the moment they are working under a tremendous handicap," he said.

In addition to Loach's film, the British entries are Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing*, starring Emma Thompson and the Hollywood stars Michael Keaton, Denzel Washington and Keanu Reeves; Robert Young's comedy *Splitting Heirs* featuring Eric Idle and Rick Moranis; and Mike Leigh's *Naked*.



Loach: had to finish shoot in five weeks

Another British director, Peter Greenaway, will be honoured with a showing of his latest film *The Baby of Macon*, which is not entered in the competition.

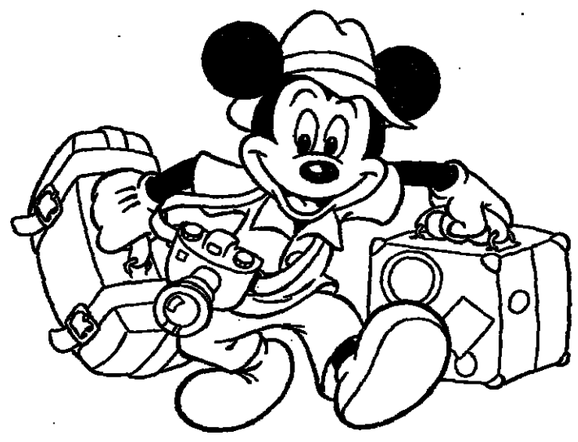
The only other country with four entries in this year's competition is France, which makes about 150 feature films a year. The United States, which dominated the competition in 1992 with six entries, has just three this year. In all, 23 films are competing for the coveted Palme d'Or.

Mr Jacob said that the British government could take a leaf out of the French book by providing loans to new film-makers secured against future box office receipts. His comments will add to the arguments of British directors, such as Stephen Frears, who have been lobbying the national heritage secretary, Peter Brooke, for more support in the wake of the country's successes in this year's Oscars.

Although Hollywood will be represented at this year's festival by such stars as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Douglas and Sylvester Stallone, some Hollywood studios are keeping away from the festival. Notable absentees include Steven Spielberg's dinosaur movie *Jurassic Park*, Martin Scorsese's *Age of Innocence* and Robert Altman's *Short Cuts* — none of which will be finished in time for the festival, which runs until 24 May.

With more than 60 American films due for release before the autumn, some Hollywood studios say that domestic release dates are more important than ever this year. An executive from one of the leading American studios remarked: "We are not prepared to tailor our schedules just to make something available for Cannes."

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Farmers risk huge losses as EC Domesday deadline looms

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of farmers are struggling to complete scores of detailed forms by tomorrow for the biggest agricultural census since the Domesday Book. Otherwise they risk losing vital European Community aid.

Farmers must submit precise data about their landholdings to regional agriculture ministry offices if they are to get their full share of £960 million of EC subsidies available in Britain this year. Their entitlement will be cut by 1 per cent for every day they are late.

Even if farmers get their forms in on time, they face stiff financial penalties for any inaccuracies. They say the whole exercise has been a bureaucratic nightmare at one of the busiest times of the farming calendar.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, insists the form-filling is necessary to prevent fraud and is the price that farmers pay for depending so heavily on public subsidy. "Taxpayers have a right to know exactly how their money is being spent," Mr Gummer said.

By yesterday, tens of thousands of farmers had still not returned their subsidy applications. Richard MacDonald, the membership director of the National Farmers' Union, said: "It is clear that many have had great difficulty in assembling the necessary information and will only meet the deadline at the last minute, if at all."

More than 330,000 sets of forms were sent out, about 130,000 more than any realistic estimate of the number of eligible farmers. Officials wanted to be sure that no farmer was missed and sent forms to every address on government mailing lists. In England, these appear to include many farms which no longer exist and thousands too small to qualify for subsidies.

Farmers have been hampered by the difficulty of obtaining the small-scale Ordnance Survey maps with the precise data required. In many parts of Britain these maps are out of date and, in some areas such as the Welsh hills, non-existent.

Under the EC's reformed common agricultural policy, the system whereby farmers were guaranteed a minimum price for whatever they could produce is being phased out in an attempt to reduce food surpluses. They can now apply for grants per acre of arable land and head of livestock on condition that they take 15 per cent of their cropped land out of production.

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KIM SCOTT-CLARKE



Field work: John Lampitt taking time out from EC form-filling to check the land on his farm against a small-scale Ordnance Survey map

Ploughing through acres of Brussels bureaucracy

FOR the past three months, John Lampitt, who farms 350 acres at Charlecote, Warwickshire, should have been concentrating on tending his 250 sheep, sowing his oilseed rape and harvesting his asparagus (Michael Hornsby writes). Instead, he has had to spend many hours each week assembling the plethora of information required by the EC. Unlike many farmers, Mr Lampitt had a full set of the small-scale (1:2,500) Ordnance Survey maps giving grid reference and acreage of every field. Unfortunately, OS has not updated the maps for more than 20 years.

"It should have been a fairly straightforward matter to buy 1:10,000 scale maps, which were updated in 1991, and transfer the detail from the older maps to them," he said. "But back in the 1960s and 1970s, a large chunk of my farm had been quarried for sand and gravel. So the fields that now cover that area were not recorded in the older maps."

Mr Lampitt discovered that an aerial photographic survey of his farm had been done two years ago. The map he finally sent in had to include every hedge, pond and building on the farm and show exactly where each crop was grown. Where hedges and ditches were "wider than normal" they had to be deducted from the arable areas for which subsidies were claimed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Missing £1m guard arrested

Police have arrested a former security guard wanted for questioning about the theft of nearly £1 million in foreign currency.

Scotland Yard said a that man believed to be Philip Wells, 47, was arrested with four others in an armed raid on a house in Forest Gate, east London. He disappeared in July 1989 and was thought to have fled to Florida with currency worth £923,000, which he was supposed to deliver to the travel firm Thomas Cook.

The arrests came after a tip-off from a newspaper that was contacted by a man claiming to be Mr Wells, who was nicknamed Florida Phil. He said he had been forced to take the money by gangsters.

Woman died in silent avalanche

A chalet manager died after being buried in 13ft of snow by a virtually silent avalanche in the French Alps, an inquest was told.

The Cotswold coroner, Lester Maddrell, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Olivia Marchington, 22, of Didmarton, Gloucestershire, who had skied since the age of eight. "She was with professionals, they had proper equipment, they had bleepers and they were just caught out by an avalanche," he said.

Victim cut up

Alastair Thompson, 43, of Dundee was jailed for life, with a recommendation that he serve at least 20 years, after being convicted of robbing and stabbing a man and dismembering his body. The head has never been found.

Own goal

Ian Moore, 25, a football fan who ran onto the pitch during a Barnsley match to show the team how to score, was fined £32 and banned from attending matches for six months.

Body in bed

Police are investigating the death of a man aged 90, found trussed up in bed in Bolton, who they believe may have been the victim of a burglary that went wrong.

100mph chase

A stolen car topped 100mph as it was chased for nearly 100 miles by police cars and helicopters before crashing into another car at Luton. One of two men arrested was injured.

Money to burn

Europe's biggest incinerator plant is to be built in Birmingham by 1996 for £1 billion. The burnt rubbish will generate electricity for thousands of homes.

Taiwan thatch

A firm of thatchers from Finchampstead, Berkshire, has won a £500,000 contract to roof a mock Polynesian village in Taiwan.

One life lost

A cat was rescued seven days after being sealed by concrete into foundations on a building site near Southampton.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Sunshine brings down price of prince of potatoes

BY A STAFF REPORTER

JERSEY Royals, probably the most flavoursome new potatoes, are often too pricey during their short season to be anything but a luxury. This year, sunny weather in the Channel Islands enabled growers to plant early, with the result that twice as many are being shipped here and prices are down to between 25p and 45p a lb, compared with £2 a lb scarcely a fortnight ago.

The price of British spring lamb, traditionally accompanied by new potatoes, has been high but has started to come down. Gateway has whole legs at £2.58 a lb and Tesco is charging £2.69 a lb. New Zealand lamb is cheaper and Waitrose has cut the price of frozen shoulders by more than half to 79p a lb.

English spring greens, to complete the menu, are 35p to 45p a lb and English cauliflowers are up to 60p each.

Beef prices are coming down in many stores. Safeway rump steak is down 50p a lb to £3.48. At Sainsbury's the same cut is down 40p to £3.59, and down 20p a lb at Tesco to £3.78. Waitrose has also reduced its fillet steak, by £1.26 a lb to £6.99. Asda has braising steak at £1.69 a lb and rolled brisket at £1.89. Gateway has cheaper-quality braising steak down to £1.78 a lb and top-quality cuts at £2.68 and £2.88.

Pork continues to be the cheapest meat. Tesco is selling boneless shoulders at 99p a lb, Gateway has boneless spare rib chops at £1.49 and Sainsbury's has reduced the price of a 3lb pack of frozen chops by £1 to £2.99.

Fish of all kinds is plentiful and white fish is becoming more affordable. Whiting is down to £2.30 for fillets, skate wings and cod fillets are about £3 a lb, and brill and Dover sole should cost no more than £3.50 a lb.

Lemon sole fillets are a good buy at £3.40 a lb. English lobster is £8 a lb and crabs are easy to find at up to £3 a lb.

The best salad buy is Chinese leaves at no more than 80p a lb. A versatile crop, the outer leaves can be steamed and the inner leaves are crisp, tasty additions to salads or stir fries.

Bananas are the best fruit buy at up to 55p a lb. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau says that they are low in sodium and high in potassium, which means they are an excellent nostrum for anyone suffering from stress.

Best buys as advertised by main supermarkets:

☐ **Asda** fresh chicken fillets, six for £6.99; unsmoked bacon joint, £1.29 a lb; 12 Gala apples, £1.25; 12 oranges, £1.09; new potatoes, 24p for 300g; Canadian cheddar, £2.29 a lb;

☐ **Gateway** fresh turkey escalopes, £1.39 for 10oz pack; fresh spatchcock chicken, £1.69 a lb; smoked Scottish salmon, £4.99 for 200g; Galia melons, 99p each; Conference pears, 48p a lb; satsumas, 89p a lb; vegetarian Cheddar, £1.79 a lb;

☐ **Safeway** honey roast ham, £2.60 a lb; unsmoked back bacon, £1.69 a lb; plaice fillets, £2.39 a lb; Emmental cheese, £3.25 a lb; beef tomatoes, 79p a lb; broccoli, 55p a lb; white grapes, £1.09 a lb;

☐ **Sainsbury** fresh boneless chicken breast, £2.75 a lb; pork sausage, 85p a lb; broccoli, 75p a lb; Packham pears, 29p a lb; six oranges, 79p; Canadian Cheddar, £2.39 a lb; Normandy butter, 79p for 250g;

☐ **Tesco** pork escalopes, £2.99 a lb; cod fillet, £1.99 a lb; double cream, 69p for 284ml; cottage cheese, 65p for 8oz; tomatoes, 52p a lb; satsumas, 49p a lb; black seeded grapes, 59p a lb;

☐ **Waitrose** pork loin steaks, £1.99 for three; hot and spicy chicken, £2.19 a lb; lemon sole fillets, £3.45 a lb; peeled prawns, £3.99 a lb; salmon, £2.89 a lb; cod fillets, £2.79 a lb; Jersey Royal potatoes, 35p a lb; Packham pears, 32p a lb.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Max Euwe Memorial tournament finished yesterday in Amsterdam. The young Indian grandmaster Vishy Anand got off to a flying start with the following convincing win:

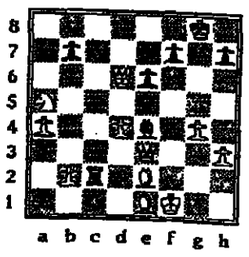
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Amsterdam 1993

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12	f4	0-0
13	Nf3	Nb6
14	Be2	c5
15	Na2	Rc8
16	Nxb4	cxb4
17	Bd2	Ne4
18	g4	Bg6
19	Rfc1	Qd5
20	Bd1	Nc4
21	Be1	Nad6
22	Be2	Rc7
23	Ne5	Rfc8
24	Nxc4	Be4
25	Nxa5	Rxc1
26	Rxc1	Rxc1
27	Qxb4	g5
28	hxg5	Qxg5
29	Kf1	Qxe3
30	Qxd6	Rc2

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Chess Moves, the newsletter of the British Chess Federation, reports the extraordinary piece of information that the highest title now achievable from Fide, the world chess federation, is the "Grand Commander of the Legion of Grandmasters".

Has this title been awarded to Kasparov, Karpov, Fischer, Short or Anand? No, it has been bestowed upon the Philippine ex-president Corazon Aquino and President Babangida of Nigeria. *Chess Moves* speculates as to what their ratings are . . .

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ONSHIP

Listening PM keeps ear cocked for lucky break

John Major is assured of an enthusiastic reception in Edinburgh this evening from the Scottish Tories. That is why such conferences are held. Moreover, unlike their southern counterparts, the Scottish Tories have not had the shock of local elections this year. But once the applause dies down after Mr Major's appeal to loyalty and unity, sticking to guns and traditional Tory values, plus some hints of the next Queen's Speech, little will have changed.

Mr Major's attempt to recover from the Tories' rout at the polls has got off to a shaky start. The simplification of tests in schools and the abolition of unit fines have been hastily announced. The first change had been under consideration before the elections, but the announcement on unit fines was contrary to what ministers were saying only ten days ago. This has inevitably led to charges that ministers are climbing down. In the longer term, however, these moves have been welcomed by some Tory MPs as evidence that the government is living up to its proclaimed intention to be "listening and responsive".

The mood of Tory MPs is also edgy. That has been reflected in the demands for an early cabinet reshuffle. Few MPs, or ministers, have stepped forward to defend Norman Lamont, however much they may sympathise with his predicament.

Consequently, the very last development Mr Major needed was another by-election. The death of Robert Adley, widely mourned at Westminster yesterday for his robust independence in defence of railways and China, leaves the Tories with an awkward by-election. In theory, Christchurch is one of the Tories' safest seats. However, the constituency has one of the highest numbers of retired people in the country, a group which is particularly hostile to the extension of VAT to domestic power and which has been hard hit by the impact of the fall in interest rates on the income from savings.

The Liberal Democrats are in not nearly as strong a position as at Newbury, but by-elections tend nowadays to be referendums on the government of the day, which the Tories are unlikely to win whenever the contest is held. The second half of July looks the most likely date. Another by-election defeat would not only undermine Tory morale but, by reducing the party's Commons majority, it would also lead to speculation about whether a general election might have to be held earlier than 1996-7.

None of this assists Mr Major in restoring and upholding confidence, which Lord Salisbury defined as the primary task of Conservatives. His difficulty is one of timing. The economy has turned the corner, but as the experience of the mid-1980s showed, recovery takes a long time to work through to affect the attitudes of voters. Moreover, this November's Budget promises a tight squeeze on many spending programmes and probably further tax increases, in addition to the VAT extension which will only start coming in next April. So next year's local and Euro-elections could again be bad for the Tories. That is when Tory MPs could get really restive.

In the short-term, all Mr Major can hope for is a run of better luck — a Danish "Yes" to Maastricht next Tuesday and a sizeable majority for the Maastricht bill on third reading next Thursday (the second certain if the first happens, as now looks likely), plus confirmation of the economic revival. What the prime minister says matters less than what the government does. A few weeks, even months, of error-free competence would do more for the Tories' standing than any number of warmly applauded fighting speeches.

PETER RIDDELL

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Cabinet puts law and order at top of agenda

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LAW and order measures, including new laws against intrusions into privacy by bugging or telephoto lenses, were sanctioned by the cabinet yesterday for the next Queen's speech. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, won the support of colleagues yesterday for his bills to take priority in the next Queen's Speech, while many other measures were shelved.

The prime minister made it clear that the two key areas for reform should be law and order and measures to cut red tape. Government sources predicted that there would be "a lot of red meat" among the 15 to 20 bills to be announced in November. Mr Clarke will bring in legislation on Sunday trading, criminal justice and police reform. The draft Sunday shop hours bill, which will be published in July, will list the options ranging from total deregulation to strict controls on opening.

A senior official also confirmed that the Home Office's package of bills would include new criminal offences to protect privacy, recommended by Sir David Calcutt. In his review of press regulation, Sir David called for three new offences, to apply generally, not just to the media. They are:

☐ Entering private property without consent to obtain personal information for publication.

☐ Placing a surveillance device on private property without consent with intent to obtain personal information for publication.

☐ Taking photographs or recordings of an individual on private property without consent for publication and with intent to identify the individual.

Mr Clarke's criminal justice bill will focus on setting up secure units for juvenile offenders. It could also deal with "rave" parties, New Age travellers, squatters and wheel clamping on private land. He may include recommendations of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, will introduce the secret service bill putting MI6 on a statutory basis.

Michael Heseltine's industry department will also be in the forefront of the next session, with bills to privatise British Coal and a massive cross-departmental deregulation measure to attack bureaucracy. A bill to privatise the Royal Mail has been delayed.

John Patten, the education secretary, won approval yesterday to bring in two bills, breaking the National Union of Students' closed shop and reforming teacher training so that pupil teachers spend more time in schools.

Peter Lilley, the social services secretary, will delay his pensions bill for another session. He is expected to publish his white paper on equalising the pension age for both sexes at 65 in the autumn. The final bill is expected to include changes in occupational pension law.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is unlikely to introduce any large measures next session. Instead he will focus on seeing through the rail privatisation and working out methods of introducing private finance, tolls and congestion charges into the road system. A green bill is expected from Michael Howard, the environment secretary, to set up an environmental protection agency.

CHRIS HARRIS



Back to Thatcher: Ian Lang gets the message as a party worker shows his colours

Scottish Conservative conference

Minister carries a torch for Thatcher

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PARTY tensions over John Major's leadership surfaced yesterday when a right-wing minister came close to mourning openly the passing of Baroness Thatcher.

In the first tribute to the former prime minister at the Scottish Conservative party conference in Edinburgh, Michael Forsyth drew enthusiastic applause for his reference to her "inspired" leadership and his hint that the government was weaker for her departure. "I have always felt comfortable with a woman in charge," Mr Forsyth said.

Although the remark was couched as a light-hearted aside, its significance was not lost on the party activists at a conference being staged in the shadow of last week's drubbing at the polls. With Mr Major's leadership qualities being publicly and privately questioned by leading Tories, the employment minister's comments on the eve of the prime minister's speech to the conference will not be welcome in Downing Street.

Lady Thatcher has become a figure of suspicion for Mr Major's supporters. Ministers who have lunched with her privately have had their loyalty questioned, and Downing Street was dismayed by her call for a referendum on Maastricht on the same day as the Newbury by-election.

Mr Forsyth was one of three young members of the Thatcherite No Turning Back group who pleaded unsuccessfully with Lady Thatcher to fight on after the first round of her leadership battle with Michael Heseltine in 1990.

Mr Forsyth coupled his lament with a veiled warning to Mr Major not to abandon the radical Tory agenda of the 1980s. After the Newbury debacle and the virtual obliteration of Tory shire control, Mr Major has been coming under pressure to ease up on contentious policies such as rail and post office privatisation, VAT on domestic fuel bills and school tests.

But Mr Forsyth, who had a stormy spell as chairman of the Scottish Tory party under Lady Thatcher, reminded Mr Major that government "carries heavy responsibilities, difficult choices, often unpopular ones". He highlighted his devotion to Lady Thatcher by saying: "I made politics my career, sometimes I think my life, because I was inspired by Margaret Thatcher and her determination to spread ownership, choice and opportunity to all. That agenda is still unfinished business and John Major is now carrying our torch ...

"Our guiding lights of less government interference, empowering the individual, extending choice, lower taxes, sound money, free trade, the pursuit of excellence, belief in ourselves, our country, its monarchy and its institutions shine just as bright."

Morale of Tories boosted

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

IAN Lang boosted the morale of the lacklustre Scottish Conservative conference in Edinburgh yesterday with a triumphalist speech in which he predicted that the Tory party would soon heal its wounds of the past year.

The Scottish secretary played down last week's rebuff at the polls as a "temporary spasm". His measured language was in contrast to Kenneth Clarke's confession that the government was in "a dreadful hole". Mr Lang described the Newbury result as an unsurprising rap on the knuckles from the electorate. It was a "temporary — predictable — spasm", he said.

Capitalising on his relatively trouble-free year in charge of the Scottish Office he used his growing political authority to reassure worried party activists. It was a speech strong on rhetoric but lacking substance, characterised by personal attacks on individual members of the opposition parties, and it received a rapturous standing ovation. Describing the Labour party as "Alas Smith and Brown", he said they made a good team. "John Smith lost Labour the last election. Gordon Brown will lose them the next one."

Scottish nationalists claimed to be "the flowers of Scotland", he said. "But we sent them homeward. Tae think again."

Mr Lang emphasised the strength of the union and the upturn in the fortunes of the Tory party in Scotland. "We have identified a large number of ways of strengthening the union. We have taken stock and it is the opposition who are in the soup."

Labour MPs threatened

JOHN Smith was told yesterday that some of his most prominent shadow cabinet colleagues should be deselected to allow more black MPs into the Commons (Arthur Leathley writes).

Black activists are targeting dozens of seats, including those of Margaret Beckett and Harriet Harman, in a campaign to increase ethnic minority representation. Labour groups in constituencies with more than a 15 per cent black vote will be asked to support mandatory all-black shortlists to aim for at least 36 black MPs. Labour has five ethnic minority MPs, the Tories one.

The hard-left Labour Party Black Section, which is outlawed by Labour, is pressing 75 constituency parties to support a motion at this year's conference calling for the mandatory all-black shortlists.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE: A TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

WHAT are the rights and wrongs of abortion and euthanasia? Who has the right to decide? Ronald Dworkin, professor of law at New York and professor of jurisprudence at Oxford, leads this Times/Dillons debate: when do we have the right to end a life?

Author of *Life's Dominion*, Professor Dworkin will be supported in his "pro-choice" views by Dr Steve Jones, head of genetics and biometry at University College. Challenging them will be David Alton, MP, and Mary Kenny, the journalist and broadcaster.

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THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

The Commons will rise for the spring recess on Thursday, May 27 and return on Monday, June 7.

House of Commons:
Today: (9.30): Private members' bills: Noise and statutory nuisance bill: shops (amendment) bill, remaining stages.
Monday: Private member's motion on sport. Motion on Cardiff Bay barrage bill.
Tuesday: Spring recess motion.
Wednesday: Opposition motions on post offices and defence manufacturing industry.
Thursday: European Communities (amendment) bill, third reading.
Friday: Debate on support for exporters.

House of Lords:
Monday: Disability (grants) bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Housing and urban development bill, report stage.
Wednesday: Debate on the establishment of a democratic socialist society.
Thursday: Housing and urban development bill, report stage continued.

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Balladur injects some cordiality into Anglo-French entente

With conservative governments now in London, Paris and Bonn, old European rivals are experiencing a rare new harmony, write ***Michael Binyon*** *and* ***Charles Bremner***



Mallaby: lifted worries over Paris-Bonn axis

EDOUARD Balladur, France's fastidious prime minister, sat sipping tea in the gilded salon of the Hôtel Matignon, his official residence, and said he could not think of any bilateral problems between France and Britain, but rather the opposite: things were going quite well.

The Gaullist prime minister is given to understatement: it is one of what the French call his "British" traits, along with his taste for Savile Row and clothes from Old England, a Paris outfitters. By the standards of recent history, a rare harmony has come to prevail of late between the two old rivals of Western Europe. A shared interest over Bosnia, where Britain and France field the bulk of the United Nations troops, is the most obvious force bringing the two together. But old frictions have also been softened by the arrival of a right-wing government which has reservations on Maastricht and much less of the federalist outlook of President Mitterrand and the Socialist team which lost the elections.

France has just suspended its attempt to apply the Schengen agreement on open frontiers, which Britain did not sign, and it has been vocal in its support for the principle of subsidiarity. Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist anti-Maastricht champion, is now Speaker of the National Assembly and is working on a scheme, popular in London, for making Brussels more answerable to national parliaments.

Seen from Whitehall, relations with France have rarely been better. On a range of issues, including the Bosnian war, military co-operation and even the development of the EC, Britain has found increasing common ground with the government in Paris. In the first two months of the new government, Britain has had what a senior official called a "remarkable degree of contact". Since the working dinner between M Balladur and John Major ten days ago, the British have been flattered that French policy has placed increasing emphasis on relations with Britain. "It is no coincidence that M Balladur's first visits were to Bonn and London. He bracketed the two countries together as a sign that he did not intend to give pre-eminence to Germany."

Britain now has more joint military projects with France than with any other country: 22 separate areas where the two government are co-operating. Downing Street has also been heartened by a noticeable shift in French policy on Europe: there is a feeling that Paris now takes a less ideological line on European integration and is closer to Britain on such questions as subsidiarity.

French officials are counting on the atmosphere of a new *entente cordiale* to help Paris out of its bind over a trade agreement. M Balladur yesterday launched France's revised approach to the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) round which caused a stir among European partners and with Washington over the winter. "I want to put an end to the thinking that several hundred thousand French farmers are blocking a resurgence of world production and activity that would result from a Gatt accord," M Balladur said. However his requirements, though couched in new language, showed little change in the French insistence on reopening the so-called Blair House accord of last November between Washington and the EC on agricultural exports.

French anxiety over the troubles of Germany, its main partner for over three decades, has helped the new climate with London. *Le Figaro*, the pro-Gaullist daily, worried in an editorial this week that history was galloping backwards in Germany and threatening to revive Europe's geopolitical crisis of the beginning of the century.

Britain has no wish to oust Germany from its special relationship with Paris. It is acknowledged in London that this is the basis on which economic and political stability in Europe have been built for the past 30 years, and in both countries the treaty relationship is seen as the anchor holding Germany in the Western alliance.

Sir Christopher Mallaby, the new British ambassador in Paris, whose previous post was Bonn, has been busy assuring the French that Britain has no intention of substituting itself for the Franco-German dialogue but rather wants to complement it. One factor making business among the three easier is the shared political colour, with centre-right governments now in Bonn, Paris and London.



Balladur: likes British clothes and values

Senators lift Andreotti's immunity on Mafia charges

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE parliamentary immunity from prosecution of Giulio Andreotti was waived yesterday as Italian senators, including the former prime minister and Christian Democrat elder statesman himself, voted for an investigation into charges of collusion with the Mafia.

In a cool half-hour speech to the senate, the life senator, 74, described allegations by supergrasses that he had met Mafia bosses in Palermo as a "total invention". Signor Andreotti said that he had told Judge Giancarlo Caselli, the Palermo magistrate investigating his case, on the morning of April 29 that he was willing to renounce his immunity voluntarily, meaning he was not influenced by the furore caused later the same day when the chamber declined to waive the immunity of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist leader, on corruption charges. "As confident as I am of earthly justice, my conscience is at ease because of the certainty I have in the tribunal of God," he said.

> 'I am the object of denigration of a kind more subtle than the shotgun of the mafiosi'

Signor Andreotti, who has been prime minister seven times, also disclosed that he had met Judge Caselli to begin efforts to clear his name. Signor Andreotti again claimed he was the victim of "an odious campaign of mystification and slander" in which the Italian secret services were involved. He portrayed himself as the object of "denigration of a kind more subtle than the shotgun" used by mafiosi.

Before the roll call vote, fellow Christian Democrats led by Mino Martinazzoli, the party secretary, shook hands with Signor Andreotti. During the vote, he raised his hand in favour of lifting his immunity.

The decision means magistrates can pursue their investigation and eventually order a trial on charges of Mafia conspiracy. The senate vote followed a recommendation by one of its committees last month that Signor Andreotti's immunity should be removed. The decision was taken by a considerable majority. Mafiosi turned informers have accused Signor Andreotti of protecting the Mafia during his long political career in Rome. One supergrass, Baldassare di Maggio, told magistrates he saw Signor Andreotti give a kiss of respect to Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the alleged head of Cosa Nostra arrested in January.

Signor Andreotti told the senators yesterday: "I never in my life have known any of the personalities in the world of crime with whom my name has been malevolently linked." He said he had decided to give up his immunity voluntarily to avoid parliament being undermined further by the scandals.

The final vote coincided with the rearrest yesterday of one of his closest associates, Giuseppe Ciarrapico, the Rome football club owner. He was taken to San Vittore prison in Milan on charges of receiving stolen goods and breaking the law on the funding of political parties. On Wednesday Franco Nobili, head of the largest Italian state holding company IRI, another Andreotti favourite, was sent to San Vittore on corruption charges.

The atmosphere in the senate was orderly except when Vittorio Sgarbi, a Liberal MP, observing the proceedings from a gallery, was ejected after shouting abuse at one of the speakers, Carmine Mancuso, of the anti-Mafia party La Rete, before the vote.

Signor Mancuso noted that Signor Andreotti was isolated even from his own party. "Where today are the sycophants who once worshipped him and were rewarded by him?" Signor Sgarbi shouted at Signor Mancuso: "Shut up, you bastard." He called a former communist who told him to calm down an "assassin". The chamber of deputies, the lower house, voted yesterday by 489 to three with six abstentions to abolish several forms of MPs' immunity.

Dozens of suspected mafiosi were rounded up yesterday in two anti-Mafia operations in Sicily. On Wednesday police in Italy, France and Germany held 35 people in a money-laundering enquiry.

MASKED GUNMAN HOLDS NURSERY CLASS HOSTAGE



In safe hands now: a French police officer escorting a mother and her son away from a nursery school in Neuilly-sur-Seine, an affluent western Parisian suburb, after a masked man armed with a pistol and claiming to have a bomb freed some of the 21 two and three-year-olds he took hostage yesterday morning, demanding 100 million francs (£12 million) to "avoid a tragedy". He also detained the class's teacher, Laurence Dreyfus, and the school director (Charles Bremner writes). A ninth child was allowed to leave at about 6pm, almost nine hours after the class was taken hostage, and a little later three more children were released. Police psychologists last night were still negotiating with the man, who was wearing a balaclava, is about 30 years old and of African origin, and at least one parent joined in the talks as hundreds of police, sharpshooters, anti-terrorist police and anguished parents waited near the Commandant Charcot school, a complex of modern state nursery and primary schools. The gunman, who released five children after two-and-a-half hours and three more within an hour, agreed to postpone a 4pm deadline, although he maintained his demands, including a French identity card. He apparently made no political demands but was reported to have asked for a meeting with Charles Pasqua, the interior minister. Nicholas Sarkozy, the mayor of Neuilly and also the budget minister, was also taking part in the negotiations. Police said the classroom was calm. The children had spent the day playing and had taken their usual after-lunch nap. A doctor had also been allowed to attend them. In the early evening, police took in sandwiches and drinks and parents brought sleeping bags and pyjamas for their children.

Germans buy rights to musical heritage of Czechs

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

THE cultural giants of Czech nationalism from the 19th century have been sold to the Germans. Publishing rights for composers Dvorak, Janacek and Smetana have been included in a 55 per cent stake of the state-owned Supraphon publishing company acquired by the German publishing house, Barenreiter.

Works such as Antonin Dvorak's *New World Symphony* represented the culmination of the efforts of three generations to achieve cultural emancipation from the Austro-Hungarian empire. Now it is the Germans who will have the final say on the future of Czech printed music that is more than 50 years old.

According to modern legend, it was Bedrich Smetana's *My Homeland* which was being broadcast on Czech radio when the Soviet army pulled the plug during the 1968 Prague spring invasion. This emotional work, which traditionally opens the annual international Prague Spring Festival, had the audience weeping three years ago when performed for the first time after the downfall of communism under the baton of exiled Czech conductor Rafael Kubelik.

Last night another emigrant, Libor Pesek, raised his baton for the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, breaking nearly 50 years of tradition by opening the 48th festival with a foreign orchestra. Ironically, Oleg Podgorny, the festival director, declared: "Now Czech music is really international."

Under new regulations, direct sales of cultural assets in the Czech republic are supposed to be limited to 10 per cent. The privatisation ministry, however, agreed to release its "golden shares" to Barenreiter in return for paying off the debts of Supraphon, which was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Czech musicians, MPs and newspapers described the sale as "the cultural crime of the century", but Eva Roleckova, a privatisation ministry official, said the deal had resolved "the impossible situation Supraphon is in."



Dvorak: giant of Czech cultural emancipation

Danish 'yes' vote will not reknit broken EC bonds

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

Denmark's Maastricht referendum campaign entered its final lap yesterday with polls pointing to a clear "yes" vote but amid increasing confusion about what the result will mean for Europe.

A Gallup poll yesterday found the gap between supporters and opponents of the treaty had shrunk by a point but was still wide apart at 16 per cent. As the poll scores diverge, the philosophical arguments over the long-delayed treaty are converging in a most confusing fashion.

"If I hated the EC and wanted my country out of it," Lord Tebbit told "no" voters here this week, "I would vote for the treaty." Lord Tebbit was of course inserting this silky formula into the Danish debate in the hope of a "no" vote, which he is sure will stop the treaty in its tracks at Westminster.

But his upside-down argument catches the current chaos of what was once a clear-cut quarrel. When the treaty was agreed by 12 exhausted governments a year and a half ago, pundits on either side claimed they could predict its consequences. Now, they are a little less sure.

"The treaty is stillborn anyway," said a senior EC official. "We might just as well sit down and start arguing about the next one now. We've agreed to rewrite it in 1996 anyway."

The realisation that the world has not stood still while the Maastricht treaty waits for green lights from Danish voters, British MPs and the German constitutional court, is changing the argument. The EC must get on with the job of the next two decades by helping to develop and stabilise Central and Eastern Europe, Niels Helveg Petersen, the Danish foreign minister, said yesterday.

Would Maastricht make any difference to this work? Not in terms of rules and regulations, said Mr Petersen, but the treaty would be a "sign of determination". Would Maastricht's creation of a common EC foreign policy change anything in the Balkans? Events "on the ground" would be unaffected, he said.

If the treaty does come into force, the European Commission will surely wake from its current coma and again draft daft rules about crisp flavourings or try to harness countries to a common policy for a chemical weapons ban.

Jacques Delors wants, as soon as he is allowed, to use the Maastricht's social protocol to push through a directive about works councils for pan-European businesses, which Britain has been trying to resist for years. But M Delors himself may not be in Brussels much longer.

The French Socialist Party caucus, led by his daughter Martine Aubry, would like him to declare his candidacy for the French presidency by next September. The fate of the Maastricht treaty will not be settled by then.

The long wait for the treaty's ratification, and the tense battles to push it through in several countries, have revealed that many proposals are simply unrealistic. At Maastricht in 1991, a future EC army and single currency by the year 2000 looked like real prospects. Now, they seem most unlikely.

This new realism, the humiliations of the EC's ineffectual role in the former Yugoslavia and the treaty's footnotes — tailored to Denmarks' request — have altered the EC's evolution. The urge to deepen the EC political bonds will remain throughout the 1990s — fuelled by France's desire to limit Germany's power — but the EC majority's power to pull others along with them has been broken.

Whether Maastricht survives or not, the document will leave one crucial legacy: a recipe for developing the EC at several different speeds at once. Few Danes may have realised what they were setting in train when they voted "no" last June. But by delaying approval and changing the spirit of Maastricht, they broke a delicate agreement.

Even a "yes" vote next week will not put all the pieces back together again.

Sex disclosures spur German leaders to consider press gag

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

WEST German politicians, spurred on by the British debate on press freedom, are working out ways of protecting the privacy of public figures. One fear seems to be that sexual revelations — a rarity in the German press — will be added to the wave of financial corruption scandals afflicting all parties.

Recently Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, chaired a meeting of politicians from across the German spectrum to consider the problem. His aides deny that the intention was to formulate a law to muzzle the press. Insiders say, however, that strong words were spoken about some journalists and there was a general discussion about whether to boycott certain newspapers.

The impetus was provided by a recent issue of *Bunte* magazine, which suggested Herr Kohl's marriage was surviving for pragmatic reasons and named his alleged mistress, and a cartoon in the satirical *Titanic*, which depicted Björn Engholm, who was forced to resign as Social Democrat leader last week. The cartoon showed him sitting in the bath of Uwe Barschel, the late prime minister of Schleswig-Holstein. Barschel was accused of leading a dirty tricks campaign against Herr Engholm and was later found dead in the bath of a Geneva hotel.

There has always been some friction between the German press and the government but the main target has usually been *Der Spiegel* magazine, which used its anti-establishment stories as a selling point. In the 1960s, its critical reporting drove Franz Josef Strauss, the then defence minister, to impound copies of the magazine and arrest the editor. But such open warfare has been very rare and the German press has shown itself to be part of the political class.

German journalists have usually ignored the sexual antics of politicians. So Willy Brandt, who had many love affairs, including with female journalists, was sheltered from intrusion. That consensus has been splintering. The emphasis is still on financial exposure — Heide Pfarr, the family affairs minister of Hesse, resigned yesterday after the press found she had her home redecorated at public expense — but coverage is becoming more and more intimate.

As a result, the Calcutt report is gaining an eager readership in the German political class. Count Otto Lambsdorff, leader of the Free Democrats and victim of a party finances scandal, has been urging press controls "on the British model". But it is not just politicians who are being targeted. Beate Wedekind, editor of *Bunte*, has just been eased out of office for "medical reasons".

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Clinton intervenes to save deadlocked Middle East talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ All sides in the Middle East talks are now in need of something tangible. A joint declaration could be the answer

ARAB and Israeli negotiators were last night under pressure to achieve a breakthrough on the final day of three weeks of largely inconclusive Middle East peace talks held in Washington.

According to officials in Jerusalem, the Clinton administration was making a last-ditch attempt to force the Israelis and Palestinians to sign a "joint declaration", which would form the basis of negotiations when the talks are scheduled to resume next month.

The American initiative, the first time Washington has intervened directly in the dialogue since the peace process was launched 18 months ago, was seen as a move by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to salvage a tangible victory from an otherwise uninspiring dialogue.

The intervention took the form of a paper setting out negotiating principles for Palestinian self-rule. The administration hoped it could form the basis for a joint statement by the Israeli and Palestinian delegations. The Palestinians failed to attend a three-way meeting with senior State Department officials on Wednesday evening to receive the paper, but were sent a copy.

Although the ninth round of negotiations opened on a promising note last month, when the Arab side agreed to lift its boycott of the talks and the Israelis in turn offered concessions to the Palestinians, this week the atmosphere deteriorated markedly. The Palestinians rejected an Israeli draft proposal for self-rule in the occupied territories and cut their negotiating team from 14 to three. The Israelis rejected a Palestinian counter-proposal.

Undaunted by the stalemate, Mr Christopher sent William Brown, the American chargé d'affaires in Tel Aviv, twice on Wednesday to relay messages to Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, to hammer out the wording of the proposed document, which would set out the broad areas of agreement between the two parties on a "land for peace" deal.

The joint declaration is expected to include a commitment to the provisions of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, which outline the "territories for peace" formula, and set out the basic details for a future Palestinian government in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

However, the document is likely to skirt round the main areas of difference, namely the future status of Arab east Jerusalem, security arrangements for the Palestinian autonomous region, and the legislative powers of a future Palestinian government.

In spite of the differences, both sides need to produce a concrete achievement from the negotiations. For Mr Rabin it could help to offset the negative effects of the coalition crisis in his government, and for the Palestinian negotiators it would help to justify their commitment to the peace process at a time when many fellow Palestinians have grown disenchanted with the slow pace of progress.

Washington could also benefit from a foreign policy success. If the wording of the document can be agreed, the delegates are expected to be congratulated by President Clinton at the White House.



Guest appearance: Baroness Thatcher, in Hong Kong for Chris Patten's birthday, visiting Zhou Nan, China's de facto ambassador in the colony, at his villa yesterday

Sweet and sour day for Patten

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR

CHRIS Patten, the Hong Kong governor, could hardly say that his 49th birthday on Wednesday was boring.

In between entertaining Baroness Thatcher, his former boss, at Government House, and taking the usual insults from the Chinese press, Mr Patten faced the colony's 60-member Legislative Council. Once a month he holds a governor's question time.

The scene was set for his council session when a Chinese newspaper, just across the border, accused Mr Patten of "strutting like a whore" in front of President Clinton last week in Washington. It warned that "through the ages, prostitutes have come to a bad end".

On to the council and the topic, not surprisingly, was his American trip. Although no one called Mr Patten a whore, some councillors gave him a hard time.

The governor explained that his trip to the US was "to defend Hong Kong's interests whenever they are threatened". That meant telling high-ranking Americans that, if the US granted China most favoured nation status conditional on good behaviour in human rights, arms sales and free trade, it would cost Hong Kong 70,000 jobs and cut its growth rate in half.

Mr Patten was asked at least three times whether he had really told the Americans that most favoured nation status must be granted unconditionally. Winston Lord, the US assistant secretary of state, warned the Chinese in talks in Peking this week that conditions are on the cards.

Yes, yes, unconditional, Mr Patten replied first eagerly, then wearily, and finally with an edged plea not to end the pleasant meeting on an unpleasant note. Some legislators asked whether Mr Patten had received any praise for his constitutional plans, which had so angered Peking.

Mr Clinton has said, in public, that he liked Mr Patten's proposals because they were democratic. The governor found it convenient to recall only that the president had said the Peking negotiations were a matter only for "the two sovereign powers". That is China's line too, but if Mr Patten says it Peking will probably call him a whore.

Saudi human rights group abolished

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SAUDI authorities yesterday disbanded the committee for the protection of human rights, less than two weeks after its formation was announced in a country renowned for its restrictions on civil liberties.

The six Saudi Islamic scholars and lawyers who set up the committee, in the face of criticism from the ruling royal family, were all dismissed and their offices shut. A terse statement said the action was taken "in light of the dictates of the public interest". It said the lawyers had their licences withdrawn and their offices throughout the kingdom closed, in effect preventing them from working.

The committee's formation was seen as reflecting public discontent with the lack of personal freedom, and the royal family's refusal to permit even restricted elections along the lines of those held last October in neighbouring Kuwait. The swift clampdown on the committee, which had appealed to Saudi officials and Islamic scholars to assist in its work and had resisted persuasion to stop its activities, had been predicted by Western diplomats in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Diplomatic sources said last night the action was bound to increase pressure on President Clinton to honour his pre-election pledge to uphold human rights in Saudi Arabia as elsewhere. An American State Department report published in January spoke of "pervasive abuse", including torture of prisoners, execution for apostasy, prohibitions or severe restrictions on the freedom of speech, peaceful assembly and association, religion, women's rights and workers' rights, and the denial of the right of citizens to change their government.



King Fahd: rejects even restricted elections

War declared on girls' circumcision

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

The World Health Organisation is planning an international campaign to stamp out the circumcision of women after a resolution sponsored by African countries, where the practice is most common.

The organisation estimates that 80 million women from 30 countries have been affected by the practice. In Kenya, up to a third of women are circumcised. Among some ethnic groups, like the Kikuyu, girls have their clitoris removed when they are toddlers. Other groups, including the Masai, practise infibulation.

Apart from the results of circumcision on female sexuality, the practice is fraught with health risks as girls are often sewn up afterwards using tree thorns and are cut with unhygienic implements which spread infections, including the HIV virus.

"We think this will get things moving," Mark Belsey, head of the organisation's mother and child health programme, said after the resolution was passed at WHO headquarters in Geneva. Health experts believe that the practice stems from the male desire to ensure fidelity among wives.

Sudan banned the practice 40 years ago but most women there are still circumcised, as they are in Somalia, where relief agencies have started to distribute sterilised razor blades.

Many African women look on the ritual as an essential cultural "rite of passage" for a girl. But large numbers of women bleed to death as a result of being sewn up so tightly that they have to be cut again to allow the passage of a baby in childbirth. Others suffer a similar fate on their wedding nights.

According to the organisation, girls who have been circumcised are twice as likely to die during childbirth and several times more likely to have stillborn babies. Dr Belsey said the resolution — the first time the assembly has taken action on female circumcision — was only possible because victims of the practice are turning against it and speaking out through women's groups.

Rakiya Omar, a director of the London-based human rights pressure group African Rights, said yesterday that one way of curbing the practice would be encouraging women to enter their daughters into a ritual in which they undergo a token, symbolic incision.

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US facing payroll tax to fund Clinton health care reform

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ **The Clinton team is girding itself for a tough political battle as America moves towards a European-style health system**

HILLARY Clinton and her advisers are to recommend a large new payroll tax to finance the reform of America's health care system in what promises to lead up to the most difficult political battle facing the Clinton administration so far.

Mrs Clinton, who chairs the task force on health care reform, is not due to present the final reform proposals until next month. But barring a public outcry ahead of the announcement, the proposal is certain to contain a direct payroll levy, paid for jointly by companies and employees, as the main source of finance, possibly supplemented by steep "sin" taxes.

If implemented on this basis, America would adopt a continental European-style health care system, in what would amount to one of the most fundamental reforms in domestic policy in more than a generation.

Business lobbying groups are already gearing up for battle, especially small-business lobbyists, whose clients frequently fail to provide any health care coverage for their employees. It is estimated that 8 per cent of all American companies run no insurance scheme whatever.

Ira Magaziner, the White House health care adviser and the brain behind health care reform, defended the choice of a payroll charge as an "equitable decision". He specifically ruled out what some had favoured as an alternative, a national sales tax or a European-style value-added tax.

Opinion polls regularly drive home the need for an overhaul of America's medical care system. With popular support for reform running strong, President Clinton might get away with levying new taxes with a degree of impunity, although the polls might change once Americans are presented with an actual tax bill. The task force is now working on the basis of a "ballpark" estimate of about 10 per cent of payroll costs, which is to be split between employers and employees. The net effect is a rise in the cost of employment for companies that run no scheme now. For employees it means a de facto rise in income tax.

The amount in new taxes will depend on income level. If employees pay a 3 per cent surcharge, which would leave companies with a 7 per cent payroll charge, the average cost for families would run up to $672 a year (£430), while families earning more than $100,000 would pay $3,815 a year, more than three times the present level. The total costs of health care reform have been estimated at between $30 billion and $150 billion. The trouble with America's health care system is not the quality of the service, whose standards are generally higher than in Europe. Its flaws lie in a failure to control costs, which is partly a consequence of high doctors' salaries, the high price charged by pharmaceutical companies for drugs that costs significantly less in Europe and the high cost of litigation.

The result is that Americans spend 14 per cent of the national income on health. Since the health care bill for the 35 million uninsured is presently subsidised by the government, a failure to reform the system would also derail effects to cut the budget deficit, the key plank in the president's economic programme. The most important priority of the task force is to provide universal insurance for every citizen.

☐ **Vaccine setback:** Aids researchers said they have found the number of cells carrying HIV in Aids-infected individuals was much higher than was thought, further dimming hopes for a vaccine. "The prospects for a therapeutic vaccine are now less promising." Steven Wolinsky, an Aids researcher, said "But it shows we should redouble our efforts for a preventive vaccine." Mr Wolinsky, of Northwestern University Medical School, found HIV to be present in up to about 10 per cent of the cells of HIV-infected people. *(Reuter)*

Hope says thanks for the memory

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

TONIGHT the inimitable face of Bob Hope will appear on television screens throughout America. After 59 years with the broadcasting network NBC, however, this evening's show may be the last tribute to his comic genius.

Hope, who was born in Britain and has been with NBC since 1934, the year his Pepsodent-sponsored variety show was first aired, says the network has not renewed his contract which expires at the end of the month. "I am not signed for next year," he said in an interview with a New York paper and jokingly added: "I'm a freelancer. I'm wide open."

The special, entitled *Bob Hope: The First 90 Years* and including paeans of praise from various politicians and artistes ranging from President Clinton to Johnny Carson, will certainly offer a fitting end to a career which has spanned generations.

The fact that NBC has made no decision on Hope's contract, however, is a sign that his old network has changed beyond recognition. The Bob Hope specials — normally appearing three or four times a year — have made this most American of comics virtually synonymous with NBC. He once reflected that his run "must be some kind of record. Even the peacock didn't last that long". But NBC, like so much else in the United States, has fallen victim to the cult of youth. The network has already lost several popular old timers in the past few years, several of whom have been picked up by its competitors and are enjoying relative success elsewhere.

*Linda Hope, the performer's daughter and producer of his specials, says the network is no longer run by people involved in entertainment, but rather by businessmen unable to see the historic value of Bob Hope's contribution to radio and latterly television. Her father, who is probably most famous in Britain for his series of *On the Road* movies co-starring Bing Crosby, started his stage career in vaudeville.*

*In a recent interview, David Letterman, the populist chat-show host, mused that after seeing the *Bob Hope Christmas* special with Eva Gabor, he felt deflated: "If it had been a funeral, you would have preferred the coffin be closed. It was sad. I mean, can he be gratified by that?" Hope, one suspects, would be more than gratified, he would probably be amused by such an epitaph.*



Now and then: Bob Hope, who may be making his last NBC appearance, now, and at the start of his career

NEWS IN BRIEF

Star Wars era 'is at an end'

Washington: Les Aspin, the US defence secretary, announcing yesterday a scaling back of the Pentagon's anti-missile defence programmes, said that the "Star Wars" era was at an end.

Mr Aspin said that the department's Strategic Defence Initiative Organisation, which has overseen the "Star Wars" project, will be renamed the Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation.

He said he was reorganising the programme to reflect President Clinton's goals for anti-missile defence. The main change from the Bush administration was that Mr Clinton was dropping the goal of stationing weapons in space, Mr Aspin added, saying: "The fate of 'Star Wars' was sealed by the collapse of the Soviet Union."

The defence secretary said the administration had not changed its request for $3.8 billion (£2.5 billion) for anti-missile defence work in next year's budget. *(AP)*

Envoys freed by guerrillas

Quetta, Pakistan: A guerrilla commander in southern Afghanistan released three European diplomats kidnapped last month. The British, German and Dutch diplomats were handed over to local officials. *(Reuter)*

UN pulls out

Geneva: The United Nations is to withdraw its 236 "blue helmets" from northern Iraq because it has no funds to keep them there, officials said. They added that the first 50 guards would leave today. *(Reuter)*

Li Peng at work

Peking: Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, was reported to have chaired a government administrative meeting for the first time since going into hospital two weeks ago, indicating he is making a gradual return to work. *(AP)*

Rapist jailed

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Pure Madonna

Peking: Madonna has agreed to tone down her "red-light district" act and avoid nudity to play in Peking, the *Jiangxi Daily* said, although some "appropriate sexiness" would be acceptable. *(Reuter)*

Judge says cigarettes too risky to smoke

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A LANDMARK ruling by a Mississippi judge that cigarettes are inherently "defective and unreasonably dangerous for human consumption" was hailed by anti-smoking groups yesterday.

The decision, in a $17 million (£11 million) personal injury case brought by the children of a smoker who died from lung cancer, could expose tobacco firms for the first time to liability for damage caused by their products.

"It's a spectacular decision that will have enormous effect," said Richard Daynard, a law professor who heads the Tobacco Products Liability Project at Boston's Northeastern University. "Assuming other judges follow it, it would have tremendous effect."

Representatives of the multi-billion dollar tobacco industry declined to comment while litigation was still pending in the Washington County Circuit Court in Greenville.

The case was brought by the two children of Anderson Smith, 63, who died in 1987 after smoking three packets of unfiltered Pall Mall cigarettes a day since the early 1940s. For many years, he was mentally incompetent for reasons unrelated to smoking and lived in a war veterans' hospital.

Delivering judgment on pretrial motions, Judge Eugene Bogen discarded the two legal doctrines that tobacco companies have used to insulate themselves from liability: that the smokers voluntarily assumed the risk of smoking or that they at least partly contributed to their injury.

"Cigarettes are, as a matter of law, defective and unreasonably dangerous for human consumption," Judge Bogen wrote. "Cigarettes are defective because when used as intended, they cause cancer, emphysema, heart disease and other illnesses."

If followed, the ruling means that plaintiffs in tobacco cases would no longer have to prove that cigarettes were harmful or expalin why they did not stop smoking. All they would have to show would be that their injury was caused by smoking, and not by something else.

Don Barrett, a lawyer for Smith's children, said the judge's decision would make the case "infinitely easier to win". In court papers, he acknowledged that imposing absolute liability on tobacco firms "would have far- reaching effects on the cigarette industry".

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Allies stick together to contain Bosnia conflict



*Unlike 1914, the Balkans is not part of a wider struggle. The tragedy now may be a shortage, rather than an excess, of interference, **Lawrence Freedman** writes in his first article for The Times*

THE United States and its European allies have declared a public truce over Bosnia. Having survived a lifetime of arguments over how best to conduct the cold war, it would be surprising if Nato was now allowed to succumb to bickering over intervention in a conflict of extraordinary complexity and viciousness, especially when the choice appears to be between sets of unconvincing policies.

The argument that sticking together must be the minimum objective for Western states has already allowed the European Community to proclaim its own participation in this crisis as moderately successful. After all, Eurocrats insist, the Community has managed to sustain the semblance of a common policy thoughout.

The fact that critical elements of this policy may have aggravated, rather than eased, the underlying conflict is said to pale beside the fact that individual member states have avoided lining up in support of one belligerent against another.

That is not a claim to be dismissed lightly. The evident tendencies within Germany and Greece to favour Croats and Serbs respectively indicate the potential danger. The key difference between this Balkan crisis and the one that caused the first world war is that the local parties are not players in a wider great power struggle. The tragedy of the Balkans this time round may be a shortage, rather than excess, of external interference.

In practice, the weight of policy for some time has been geared as much to containing the violence within Bosnia as resolving it. Hence the efforts being put into keeping an uneasy peace between Serbia and Kosovo, where the largely Albanian population is demanding basic political rights, and into attempting to seal off Macedonia, with another potentially explosive population mix and an ambiguous status. An extension of the fighting into either area could draw in neighbours, and raises the most serious danger of Greece and Turkey joining in on opposing sides.

Whether an unresolved Bosnian conflict can be contained, however, must be doubted. The current situation puts more demands on the consciences than the resources of Western states, but for those in the neighbourhood, such as Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, the cost of imposing sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia and caring for refugees is proving a serious burden. If there is no more progress with the Vance-Owen plan and if the current ceasefires suffer the fate of their predecessors, then the gloomiest scenario sees the Croats and Serbs continuing to carve up the Muslim enclaves until eventually they turn again on each other, with the shock waves unsettling the whole region.

Furthermore, the continued failure to resolve the crisis is steadily eroding the authority and credibility of all those institutions who have sought to influence its course, most notably now the United Nations.

Despite its moderately united front, the EC must be counted as one of the victims of this process. Its ambition in the summer of 1991, when the first of the Yugoslav crises broke out, was to demonstrate a leading role in the management of European security. Here was a chance to redeem itself after a lacklustre performance during the Gulf conflict. In the end its ability to play this positive role was undermined by the divergence of interests among the member states, the incapacity of its institutions to cope with the demands of crisis management, and its limited means of pressure.

The belief in 1991 was that a combination of stern statements with economic carrots and sticks could force the disputants to see reason. When these failed, the community had little to offer. For those who once talked optimisticaly about a common European defence policy, the past two years have been bitter, for they have revealed the fragility of the base upon which such a policy could be built.

Well before the Clinton administration took office, it was clear that any serious military operation in Bosnia would require large numbers of combat troops and could not be undertaken without the United States. Otherwise the force that could be mustered would be hopelessly small and deficient in intelligence and logistics support. In this way the experience drove home a basic lesson to those who had seen the EC eventually taking on the attributes of a military alliance and replacing Nato. However, the real problem for European governments was not so much the shortage of forces but the very idea of a long-term military operation in such fraught circumstances. In this sense the reticence of the Bush administration to taking a lead and organising intervention was a relief.

The Clinton administration might have forced the Europeans to face the need to accept American leadership in upholding basic international values in Bosnia through the insertion of substantial ground forces. Instead they have been confronted with an extreme version of their own stance: tough rhetoric and dedication to a principle without any clear indication of how that conclusion can be reached. Along with its European allies, the US is doing little more than searching for options which allow it to show, without undue risk or commitment, that it cares. Proposals have been made for sending arms and mounting air strikes without any clear indication as to how matters will improve as a result.

If the Bosnian Serbs pull back from the brink and the political process takes root long enough for some order to return, then the UK and France and other European governments could still find themselves sending substantial extra troops into Bosnia. If the Vance-Owen plan is accepted and then collapses because sufficient troops are not available to implement it, then the long-term damage to American leadership would be considerable. Mr Clinton may, like his allies, find his excuses in the continuing deterioration of the situation on the ground.

For the West to put a premium on its own unity is a reasonable strategic choice, for nothing else is possible without this unity. The depressing conclusion from the past two years is that unity can only be forged on the basis of minimalist policies.

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Faces of unity: Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, the West's negotiators, sharing a rare moment of levity after the peace agreement signed this month

Razing of mosques gives new resolve to Muslims

FROM TIM JUDAH
IN BANJA LUKA

AT THE sixteenth-century Ferhad Pasha mosque yesterday an earth mover clawed at the remains of its solid masonry while lorries carted the rubble of one of the finest examples of Ottoman architecture in Bosnia to the municipal rubbish dump. The mosque, built in 1579, was bombarded on Friday.

"They could have turned it into a Serbian Orthodox church," said a Muslim onlooker. "It is as though they have torn our heart out. They wanted us to understand that we have no place here."

The northern Bosnian town of Banja Luka has long been a centre of Serb militancy. But it is also one of the last towns under Serb control to have significant remaining populations of Muslims and Croats. Many believe that last Friday's dynamiting of the city's two historic mosques is a sign that this may be about to come to an end.

"It was like an earthquake," said Mufti Hadzi Ibrahim Halilovic, the spiritual leader of northern Bosnia's Muslims. "It happened at 3.05am and I could see the remains from my balcony. Because of the curfew I could not go down. I had to take three sedatives."

A quarter of a mile away the diggers have almost finished their work. The Arnaudija mosque, built in 1584, has been completely razed. Ten minutes walk from there stand the charred struts that once supported the minaret of the small Pobrdje mosque. "They set it on fire two weeks ago," said a Muslim community official too frightened to give his name. "The fire brigade came and put it out, and then they set it on fire again."

In a residential district, a small crowd queues for an aid handout from the Bosnian Muslim charity Merhamet. Asked whether they think that the destruction of the mosques means they will leave, they bristle angrily. "Just because of the mosques we will stay," says one woman. "If they put us in convoys, we'll go," said another, "otherwise we won't go. This is our country."

These are brave boasts. Muslim officials say that 20 of their faith have been murdered in the past two months. "They are mostly wealthy and killed both for their money and to send the rest of us a message," said one.

In 1941 Banja Luka's Serbian Orthodox church was damaged by German bombs and then demolished by Croatian fascists who controlled the town with their Muslim auxiliaries. The local authorities plan to rebuild this church.



Wire service: two young Muslim refugees from the Kluche region picking their way through barbed wire yesterday which surrounds a United Nations supply depot in Zenica

Croats shell Mostar as Serbs cut UN aid

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

HEAVY fighting erupted again yesterday in Mostar between Croats and Bosnian government forces, in spite of the deployment of Spanish UN troops and a ceasefire agreement which was to have taken effect during the morning. In eastern Bosnia, Serbs broke a recent agreement and suspended UN relief convoys to Muslim enclaves.

Heavy-machinegun and mortar fire rocked Mostar, with reports of serious casualties as Croat fighters forced back Bosnian troops. About 100 Spanish UN soldiers in armoured vehicles patrolled the town. They had withdrawn five days ago for their safety. One Spanish soldier, wounded in Mostar on Tuesday, died.

Under Wednesday's ceasefire agreement, negotiated by the UN, all prisoners were to have been released yesterday. UN officials say the Croats have established at least one detention camp for Muslim civilians from Mostar. The camp has more than 1,300 men, women and children being held by armed guards wearing black uniforms, the trademark of the second world war Croat fascists who sided with the Nazis and were responsible for atrocities.

Ten miles north of Mostar, a bridge vital for aid convoys to Sarajevo and central Bosnia was blown up. The UN says it does not know who was responsible for the attack, which will seriously hamper relief efforts. But judging from previous attacks on aid convoys, it is likely to have been Croat militia. The areas which will be most affected are under Bosnian government control.

Serbs yesterday meanwhile reneged on an agreement critical for the besieged Muslim enclaves in the east of the republic. General Ratko Mladic, the Serb military leader, told the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Belgrade that he was stopping all food convoys to Muslims trapped in eastern Bosnian communities until fighters in one enclave surrendered their weapons.

"It's not acceptable," said John McMillan a spokesman with the UNHCR in Sarajevo. "Humanitarian aid cannot be made dependent upon military undertakings." The area still receives enough food from airdrops to stave off serious hunger and starvation. A UN convoy will attempt to reach besieged Srebrenica today, although it is expected to be stopped by the Serbs.

Last Saturday General Mladic signed an agreement giving the UN unimpeded access to eastern Bosnia enclaves. General Mladic has agreed to such access many times in the past, but the UN has still had great difficulty in reaching the Muslim areas. Nearly all the 130,000 trapped Muslims are still going hungry and without many basic medical services. "It really is less than honorable," said Barry Frewer, the Canadian commander with the UN Protection Force, which negotiated the agreement with the Serbs.

The news that the Serbs will not allow food and medicine into communities they are besieging in eastern Bosnia bodes ill for viability of the pockets and the UN's declaration of them as "safe areas."

Commander fears for British supply lines

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN SPLIT

THE new commander of the 2,400-strong British force in the former Yugoslavia expressed concern yesterday for soldiers based in central Bosnia, after renewed fighting between Croats and Muslims threatened the only supply line linking Split with the main camp at Vitez.

Brigadier Robin Searby, who took command a week ago of Operation Grapple, codename for the British contribution to the UN aid mission in Bosnia, said: "One of the ten principles of war is ensuring the lines of communication and there are a lot of British soldiers up there."

Since the eruption of fighting in Mostar, the fastest aid route from Metkovic on the Dalmatian coast to Jablanica has been closed. All aid convoys and UN military supplies to central Bosnia have now had to be diverted via a mountain route.

Brigadier Searby said the mountain track was now overburdened with vehicles. With the changeover from the Cheshire Regiment to the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, and the replacement of all Warrior infantry fighting vehicles, the track had been churned up.

The Canadian battalion based at Visoko, east of Vitez, is also being replaced, adding to the traffic jams. Brigadier Searby said in an interview with *The Times* at his headquarters at Divulje barracks, near Split airport.

However, the gravest threat to the vital supply line for the British soldiers, and for refugees in central Bosnia, comes from the re-emergence of hostilities between Croats and Muslims.

Officials from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said an Italian aid convoy, with Dutch drivers, had been stopped on Wednesday by Croatian HVO soldiers outside Gornji Vakuf. The drivers and aid workers were told to get out and walk into the town. British armoured personnel carriers were deployed to resolve the dispute.

Prozor, scene of one of the most brutal ethnic cleansing operations by Croats against Muslims last year, is now so tense that "you can smell it when you get there," Brigadier Searby said.



Searby: can smell the tension around Prozor

Earlier this week, several civilian aid convoy drivers were ordered out of their trucks and beaten up. According to reports, the Croat HVO soldiers who attacked the drivers had arrived drunk, after attending the funeral of an HVO commander.

Aid officials said it was clear the Croats were trying to prevent food and supplies reaching Muslims in central Bosnia. "It's as if the whole of central Bosnia is now under siege," one official said.

A UNHCR official said that no convoys were now going to be allowed to travel on the Prozor route without a military escort. The hostility shown by Croats in the area has increased sharply since the build-up of HVO forces around Jablanica, which is still held by Muslims.

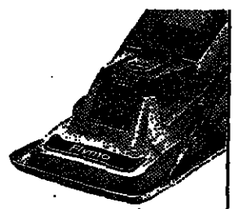
Despite the enormous amount of work already carried out by the Royal Engineers to improve and widen the mountain track for the aid convoys, Brigadier Searby said a new project to relay the route is about to start.

Although there are now only 250 Royal Engineers in Bosnia, he said the plan was to install a proper drainage system to stop the track from becoming a "sea of mud" in bad weather.

"This is not just patching up, it's a major construction effort," he said.

The British forces here are also taking on another responsibility. From June 1, the British will be in charge of coordinating the whole of the UN's logistics operation, to ensure there are no unnecessary duplications in the supply chains run from Split by the different national units.

The British have also received a special request from General Philippe Morillon, head of UN forces in Bosnia, to help reopen the supply route through Mostar, although the area is the responsibility of the Spanish infantry battalion.



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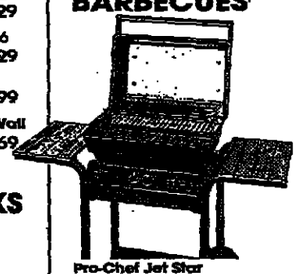
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The Independent's editor faces a stark choice between survival and his dream of a paper run by its staff

The eagle is stranded

It seemed like the greatest adventure in British journalism, eight years ago this month, when I joined Eddy Shah to start working on the launch of Britain's newest national newspaper, *Today*. The paper was going to smash the out-dated mould of a Fleet Street still dominated by corrupt unions and restrictive practices.

When Andreas Whittam Smith, the city editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, was asked his opinion of Shah's newspaper of the brave new world, he at first shared Fleet Street's sense of derision. On reflection, he changed his mind. From that moment, in 1985, *The Independent* was born. Although he quickly recruited Matthew Symonds and then Stephen Glover, two *Daily Telegraph* leader writers, as co-founders, Whittam Smith was always the dominant partner.



When they were first asked who would be editor, it was Whittam Smith who nominated himself. A tall, stooping man, engagingly shy, with a sober demeanour, the air of an old-fashioned bishop, and a deep knowledge of the City, Whittam Smith also looked and acted the part.

What emerges initially from *Paper Dreams*, Stephen Glover's new account of the founding of *The Independent*, apart from the bitterness when three friends fall out, is what an easy life they gave up to fulfil their dream of becoming millionaires. A leader writer's life on *The Daily Telegraph* was enviable: they could travel to Bradford to inspect a printing plant in the morning and return to write editorials in the afternoon — a way of life that their subsequent success was to destroy for ever.

Glover also tells a remarkable story of how three ignoramuses succeeded in starting a national quality newspaper and how the banks never found them out — nor even tried. Whittam Smith, Symonds and Glover knew nothing about newspaper production, distribution, editorial budgets, or even the cost of a foreign correspondent. Yet they eventually raised £21 million and recruited the Saatchis as their admen.

Glover writes: "Our competence to launch a newspaper was never openly questioned by the Saatchis or any of our financial advisers. They simply took on trust that we could do it. Investors were equally credulous... The truth is that the world will nearly always take you at your own apparent estimation of yourself. We were engaged in a glorious bluff... somehow having bluffed ourselves."

Yet, paradoxically, it was Rupert Murdoch, the chief executive of News Group, parent company of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, who made the biggest contribution to the early success of *The Independent*. When Murdoch staged his dramatic flight from Fleet Street to Wapping in January 1986, the fortunes of all national newspapers were transformed.

What gave *The Independent* its unique opportunity was the necessarily forceful manner with which Murdoch's coup was staged. The razor wire and the militant pickets at the Wapping gates temporarily upset readers of *The Times* at whom *The Independent* was aimed: a factor that Whittam Smith was also able to exploit to tempt *Times* journalists to *The Independent*. So *The Independent* was given a short window of opportunity. If it had launched a year later, it might not have succeeded. After its early success, that dream of independence and a newspaper run by and for journalists now appears to be fading as predators gather to seize control.

ANNIE LEIBOVITZ



Founding fathers: Andreas Whittam Smith, the editor, Matthew Symonds and Stephen Glover

The success came after a low point in January 1987 when sales fell to 256,000. Then they started to climb, year by year, until they hit a peak of 413,000 in 1990 and were within spitting distance of both *The Guardian* and *The Times*.

Meanwhile, Whittam Smith started to relish the life of the newspaper baron. For a start he switched from his BMW to a Jaguar, as did Symonds, while Glover opted for a Mercedes. Another director decided on a Porsche.

Within a year of the launch, according to Glover, Whittam Smith was also dreaming of taking over another newspaper. The first was *The Times*. Glover's reaction was that Whittam Smith had gone crackers. That ambition was dashed soon afterwards when Sir Marcus Sieff, a chairman who had presided over the expansion of Marks & Spencer, addressed a few words to the board, "emphasising each of them as though he were addressing a classroom of backward children", about cost control. The next ambition was to buy *The Observer* but that too fell through.

There were also inevitable and angry clashes between the three founders. Glover says his disillusion with Whittam Smith began when he questioned a matter worth £10 on Symonds's expenses and suggested that he should be asked to leave. "I do not see how I can work with him again," said Whittam Smith.

Glover defended Symonds and the dispute blew over, but it left a deep scar on both. He quotes Symonds as saying: "I shall work with Andreas as a colleague but I will never forgive him. One day he will need my help and he will turn to me and I will not be there". Shortly afterwards he moved out of their shared office.

That incident also marked the moment when Glover says his view of Whittam Smith changed. He had witnessed him attempting to destroy a friend. "I knew that what Andreas had contemplated doing to Matthew he could at any time do to me."

Yet within three years, Whittam Smith, Symonds and Glover, whatever the tensions between them, had created a glittering success story. The newspaper had paid back half its launch capital, it was making a profit of £3 million, and its founders were millionaires. Seen in retrospect, it was from that very moment of triumph when dreams were coming true that the fortunes of *The Independent* started to slide — and the founders became over-ambitious.

> Whittam Smith ruthlessly sabotaged the chances of the new paper

Understandably, Whittam Smith could not stomach the idea of the *Sunday Correspondent* when its launch was announced. Here was a Sunday paper aimed directly at the heartland readership of *The Independent*. Quite ruthlessly, he sabotaged the chances of the new Sunday paper. When the *Independent on Sunday* was eventually launched in January 1990, with Stephen Glover as editor, the *Sunday Correspondent* was doomed, as its launch editor Peter Cole described angrily in *The Sunday Times* this month.

The *IoS* was a critical success, with sales rising to a peak of more than 400,000, but cost control again became an issue when it was hit by the recession nine months after launch and was losing £150,000 a week and the management started to discuss a merger of the daily and the Sunday operations.

For journalists, who relish and trade on gossip, Glover's *Paper Dreams* has already been a talking point for weeks. It is an act of revenge full of stories by Glover that are intended to wound his two fellow founders, whom he obviously believes connived at his sacking from his editorship.

Since 1990, the management of *The Independent* has been distracted by the Sunday paper. Following its launch, sales of the daily paper have fallen back by more than 70,000 a day to about 340,000. If the Sunday paper had not been launched, the daily might have flourished.

When the recession struck in 1990, running two papers instead of one over-stretched resources and created the need for new capital that was met by bringing in *El Pais* and *La Repubblica*, from Spain and Italy respectively, as shareholders — a move that now seems likely to their taking control.

According to Glover, a company founded by three journalists does not operate by different God-given laws, and like everything else *The Independent* was part of the fallen world — a point of which Whittam Smith and Symonds, unlike Glover perhaps, were well aware.

If the meetings now going on between *El Pais* and *La Repubblica* eventually lead to the departure of the two remaining founders, paper dreams will have become broken dreams.

BRIAN MACARTHUR

● *Paper Dreams by Stephen Glover is published by Jonathan Cape, £16.99*

In love with a cold climate

England is the place to holiday, **Janet Daley** says, and the bonus is that all the wallies are in Torremolinos

I have just returned, quaintly enough, from a holiday in Cornwall. Why, you ask, did I risk a spring week of provincial damp when the world of Mediterranean sunshine, Tuscan wine or French Provençal cuisine was available to me? Partly because, being British by adoption rather than birth, I still have a convert's enthusiasm for the country that I have chosen as my home.

The lush green countryside of England, which is no less beautiful when it is bathed in filmy curtains of rain, seems to me far more aesthetically satisifying than the brown Tuscan hills or the bleached, hot expanses of Spain. Heat, or indeed the absence of it, has much to do with my preference for England. The British, like the sun-starved melancholics of northern Scandinavia, are crazy about heat: an addiction that is mystifying to most southern Europeans and to me.

I spent my childhood in American cities, where summer was a stifling purgatory of humid torpor. In my adolescence, I glowed in the wastes of a true desert. By the age of 21, when I arrived on this blessedly temperate island, I had had enough heat to last a lifetime.

The mad English may occupy the sweltering villas around Sienna and Florence evacuated by the sane (and rich) Italians for what the natives know to be the worst months of the year. I will head straight for the Yorkshire moors, where the cool air and purple heather clear the mind and invigorate the spirit, rather than lulling them both into hedonistic somnolence. Not that I am averse to travelling on the Continent. Certainly not. But it is the old cities of Europe that interest me rather than the holiday resorts or the countryside, which is rarely as beautiful as Britain's.

The time for cities is winter. In countries where severely cold weather is rarely a problem, January and February are the months when those high spots of cultural tourism — Paris, Florence, Venice, Rome, Amsterdam — may actually be seen as what they are rather than as the tarted-up parodies of themselves that are on offer in July and August (or even in the mini-boom periods of Easter and October).

I have walked through the streets and piazzas of Florence in the February sunshine surrounded almost entirely by Florentines going about their proper business. We have entered the Uffizi without queuing and wandered through its empty corridors as if it were our own private art collection. Last January, I took my two daughters for a short stay in Amsterdam and we were able to stroll through the Rijksmuseum at our own pace instead of shuffling along in a guided sheep-run.

All of which points to the crucial difference between what I regard as a holiday and a "Trip Abroad". A holiday is principally for rest and rejuvenation. And for that, what is needed is the least uncomfortable climate in the world which is to say, the English one — not the Welsh or the Scottish, I'm afraid — and the most restful possible conditions for carrying out the practical necessities of life.

It does not include getting up before dawn, which somehow seems to be necessary no matter what time your flight leaves; hanging about at airports; being trapped in a strange car among homicidal foreign drivers and coping with the eccentricities of currency exchange rates.

A family journey to a *gite* in the Loire some years ago brings back vivid memories. The ferry that should have taken us from Newhaven was cancelled and we were sent haring off to Dover for the only available crossings. Arriving at Calais rather than Dieppe meant that the carefully planned motorway route had to be abandoned and re-planned ad hoc.

We found ourselves driving despairingly through unknown French villages in total darkness (because, as you will recall, the French use shutters instead of curtains, thus rendering their country roads as black as pitch at night). We may have gained something from feeling like a "famous four" on a great adventure but rest and relaxation scarcely came into it.

But surely, you may argue, England cannot compete with abroad for the sheer sensuous pleasures of food and drink. Well, yes and no. England has no regional foodie traditions to match those of France and Italy, but the standard of country cooking has been transformed over the past decade. There are hundreds of pubs and inns all over the country serving excellent food at prices far below those of mediocre London restaurants. Sadly, this reasonableness does not extend to hotel prices, which are ridiculously high.

The antidote to this has been the self-catering cottage industry, which, alas, is now going the same rip-off route as the hotel business. Once upon a time, it was possible to rent a house in some pretty part of the country — perhaps even by the sea — for the whole summer. Now, any cottage fit to inhabit will be kitted out with colour television, washing machine and microwave, and offered in a glossy catalogue for £400 a week: all Laura Ashley curtains, duvets, twee ornaments, and no pets.

But what of the great unmentionable? The spectre of the British holiday spot in its deep-fried, sticky-fingered, loud-mouthed vulgarity: the gothic grotesqueries of the criminal classes at play. For bilious, heart-sinking tackiness, don't British holidays still beat all-comers? Not any more.

Most of the really obnoxious wallies go abroad now, preferring paella to pie and chips. The English who haunt the dales and moors of their own land are of a reflective and peaceful nature.



Poster paradise: English resorts are now often free of the obnoxious and the lager-louts

WHERE TO GO TO BE SERIOUSLY DIFFERENT

OFF-BEAT travel trends can become somewhat ludicrous when everyone chases the least accessible spots, *Alice Thomson writes*. Bosnia was the only place to be last Christmas. This year, the tiny retreat of Bhutan, wedged between India and China is the ultimate destination. Koo Stark, Mick Jagger, Jerry Hall, Shirley MacLaine and the entire film crew of Bertolucci's new film, *The Little Buddha*, have already been lured by its exclusivity. Entrance is by invitation of the King and only 2,000 tourists are allowed in each year for a two-week tour costing £3,000.

Mount Everest has become extremely popular on the 40th anniversary of its conquest. This week, 37 people arrived at its summit on one day.

Most countries go in and out of fashion as quickly as the maxi-skirt. First a place is discovered by professional off-beat travellers, the travel journalists, writers, crackpots or the Royal Family. Then it is adopted by the rich, and the first luxury hotels go up. A few years later professional couples, who like to discover the local ruins, arrive. Finally, in come the package tours and everyone else leaves. The in-place for the seriously rich, I have been told is now Morocco. You have been warned.

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Shrinking world of New York psychiatrists

Court cases have left Manhattan's analysts feeling anxious

In one of his screen roles, Woody Allen once remarked: "I've had 17 years of psychotherapy — one more and I'm going to Lourdes". In reality, the actor has allegedly spent 30 years on the psychiatrist's couch and, in spite of his catholic tastes, has shown very little sign of a sudden change of faith.

The bitter and public custody battle between Mr Allen and his former lover, Mia Farrow, has apparently not diverted him from that course. During the case, which reached its denouement last week, the court heard that Ms Farrow felt she wanted psychiatry out of her life. She wished instead to stay at home and watch cartoons. There was no such admission from Mr Allen who, according to certain reports, has merely increased the rotation of visits to his various analysts.



Family affair: Woody Allen

Many people assume, regardless of the awaited verdict from Acting Justice Elliott Wilk, that the mental health profession, and New York psychiatry in particular, can only suffer at the hands of such a *cause célèbre*. After all, neither protagonist is a walking advertisement for the benefits of treatment. Nor are the younger members of the Allen-Farrow ménage likely to have gained any solace from the shrink. This was not a family unit that relied on therapy *in extremis*: the fabric of the psychiatrist's couch has been woven into every aspect of their lives.

The therapists of New York are smarting with embarrassment. As the self-professed capital of psychoanalysis, New York has much to lose from such a public airing of its dirty laundry. There are few signs yet, however, that Woody and Mia's escapades have affected what some refer to as the city's second oldest profession.

"In New York", one eminent psychiatrist says, "it is normal for people to go into therapy if anything goes wrong in their lives. I've discussed the case with analysts and my patients, but more out of interest than anything else."

Dr Ruth M. Lesser, the director of the post-doctoral psychotherapy programme at New York University, says there has been no drop in interest either from students or the more than 600 patients who visit the university clinic. "Woody Allen made such fun of therapy in his movies that, if anything, people take no notice of him. He and Mia Farrow are celebrities and treating celebrities is a problematic issue — not one I would wish to have to deal with."

New York's frenetic lifestyle, say these experts, does not allow the average citizen to visit their clinic on a scale even approaching that of an Allen or a Farrow.

New Yorkers have apparently not been deterred from taking therapy even by the latest trial to enthral the nation, a $10 million libel suit from Jeffrey Masson, the former curator of the Freud Archives in Washington. He is suing the author Janet Malcolm and *The New Yorker* for publishing two articles in 1983 about his iconoclastic scholarship and unruly personal life.

In his research and writings, Mr Masson had accused Sigmund Freud of modifying the seduction theory, and had thus been dismissed from his job at the archives. He claims that the articles written subsequent by Ms Malcolm contained quotes that were false.

The former psychotherapist's comments at the opening day of the trial in San Francisco this week do not inspire great confidence. In his testimony, Mr Masson said he had turned to therapy as a young man because he regarded his "promiscuity as an illness".

Some newspapers have suggested that, if Mr Masson wins his case, Freud will no longer be viewed as the enlightened apostle of sexual freedom, but instead become a subject of derision among liberal intellectuals. Most think that whatever happens, it will be business as usual. "People may think about what Masson is saying for a few minutes, or even hours", said one New York psychiatrist, "and the next thing you know, they will be ringing up their analyst for an appointment."

TOM RHODES

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'Perfect strangers came up to us at Heathrow and shook us by the hand. Wasn't that lovely?'

About to change her name for the fifth time, Raine, Countess Spencer, takes time out from her hairdresser for a divine heart-to-heart



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



DENZIL McNEELANCE

So romantic at 62, Raine finds herself engaged to a gorgeous count and still ready for adventure. "There is hope for all, even if you're an ancient like me"

As the future Comtesse de Chambrun, née Miss McCorquodale, later Mrs Gerald Legge, Viscountess Lewisham, the Countess of Dartmouth and the Countess Spencer embarks on her fifth change of name it is simpler to call her by the name her mother invented, Raine.

Effervescent in pink bouclé, Raine offers a gloved hand and sweeps me up to a suite in the Connaught Hotel for what she calls our heart-to-heart — "Do you want to hear it blow by blow? So *sweet* of you to be interested" — where three waiters wheel in smoked salmon and are fulsomely thanked — "How sweet you are, how very kind, how *spoiling*."

This week Raine finds her praises sung by women columnists who have suddenly decided she is, at 62, a role model ("What every woman can learn from Raine"; "How to get what you want, as a woman" etc) in a paroxysm of post-feminist revisionism. Away with grim independence and grey widowhood, on with the powder and rouge: Raine shows that it is fun, laughter and charm, charm, charm that can stave off a solitary old age.

Being in love is so slimming she has spent the morning at her dressmaker ("I lost two-and-a-half stone since Johnny died and another half a stone since Jean François, but he still wants to see another sliver off the *derrière* . . .") and will spend the afternoon at the hairdresser "because you know my hair" — her usual bouffant halo — "is like *rags* unless I have a perm".

Men have pursued Raine since her first proposal at age 16 from the Italian doctor treating her boils: in the same year she captured her first husband on the ski slopes. Just before the count's *coup de foudre*, my husband happened to sit next to Raine at dinner and he too was captivated by her wit and laughter and confidences. "I thought your husband was *divine*, a real *dish*, where did you find him?" she enthused. "We had so much fun." When she declares that "What men want is good company!" she knows her own appeal.

But the gentlemen friends who were lining up have now been ousted by this urbane Gallic *gentilhomme*. Suddenly — "Aaagh!" she shrieks: she has remembered that an American admirer is arriving in London this very afternoon! She must ring her maid, Pauline, at once — "Darling you're going to have to break the news about le comte, he *must* have read about it," but never mind, he can come with her party to Covent Garden for the ballet tonight . . .

But back to the story of the count's diligent pursuit. In this narrative all the dramatis personae are "my very greatest friends" except Thérèse Lawson who is "my totally best friend". The women are sweet and adorable, the men clever and successful. Everyone has connections: "her father was prime minister of Costa Rica you know . . . her father-in-law, the old duke . . . she is Peter O'Toole's sister . . . her son is the Rolling Stones' lawyer."

It began at dinner in Monte Carlo *chez* her friend Yolanda, progressed over dinner in Antibes when the electricity began to crackle: "you know that *lovely* thing when you look at each other across a room". They had sat up talking after dinner until quarter to two, like Betjeman's subaltern and Joan Hunter Dunn: "Sweet John Betjeman! Do you remember he thought it terribly common to have fake fires which flicked on and off and now none of us have anything else! I started with three at Althorp and ended with 15."

By telephone the count wooed the dowager countess. He rang twice on Tuesday, thrice on Wednesday, so divine, so romantic, no other gentlemen could get through. When she returned to London he continued his siege by Fax. He could *not* wait until her next trip to France with Lord and Lady Lawson, he would come, in Puck's words, "thorough bush, thorough brier" to his Fairy Queen (*Reine*-Raine, his joke), wasn't that beguiling? So she took him to her house by the sea at Bognor and to her dear friends at Uppark and her very dear friends the Egremonts at Petworth and everyone was entranced by him. Then back to France to his gorgeous chateau near Cannes ("The *tourelles*! Pure *Rapunzel*") and a drive to Paris via the scenic route, two days of torrential rain in the Massif Central when they stayed at the Hotel *Panoramique*, the panorama obliterated by cloud . . .

Like all good raconteurs she relishes the amusing disasters most. The day when every restaurant was *fermé* and they had to go to a cafe full of *'Allo 'Allo* types wreathed in Gauloises fumes watching *Hawaii Five-O*, and not even a *croque-monsieur* to eat, so they had to eat quiche out of a paper bag, killingly funny! The long search for petrol when luckily she was engrossed in reading Schopenhauer's *Aphorismes sur la sagesse dans la vie* in French, "which sounds pretentious but it really is so entertaining". (One of Raine's many surprises is her command of French.)

And then the Place des Vosges in Paris, where the count finally proposed. They stayed at the Ritz (Mohammed Al-Fayed is "such an old friend") and lunched with Liliane de Rothschild who found the count "divine". Isn't it touching, not only are all her friends thrilled by the gorgeous count but perfect strangers had come up at Heathrow to shake them by the hand, wasn't that lovely?

She had warned Jean François about the press but she was so proud of him, he had performed so well ("What *is* a 'peck'? I do not do pecking") despite his telling reporters — breaking her mother, Barbara Cartland's bedroom-door rule — they had already had the honeymoon. "Well at our advanced age", she blushes prettily, "no one would think we'd only just held hands."

Who is the Comte de Chambrun? She gives me the count's cv in his own hand: his ancestry since 1350, his connections including his first wife's uncle the American Ambassador to Britain in the 1950s; his business interests in high-tech water treatment for fish farms, his chateau where the garden is "one of the beauties of the Riviera". "Jean-François has green fingers." How, one wondered, had he escaped Raine's beady eye for so long? "Well, he's been hidden away in the south of France, or someone would have gobbled him!" she says, pealing with laughter.

She had taken him to lunch at Highgrove with the Prince of Wales (and the Princess sent a *sweet* note too). She thinks the late earl and the husband-to-be would have liked each other tremendously. "They are both what the French call *authentique*. Solid citizens. He has a very easy manner with people, just like my Johnny, and a beautiful voice, like my Johnny . . ."

As for her plans for the Chateau Garibondy (where the count no longer does B and B but she thinks letting makes sense): "It's so funny, I had said *never* an old house again, I don't want to know about leaking roofs and guttering, I've been through all that. But I have started rearranging his house — I can't help it, I always do it — and don't you think it's a scream, I said, 'where's the library?' And there isn't one! So we are making one upstairs, and this sounds terribly bossyboots but he says he'll do the outside and I'll do the inside which is so divine because that's what Johnny used to say. I am not into gardening", she adds, "or dogs, since I was bitten by mummy's horrible Cairn in the nursery."

> 'Being in love is so slimming, but he still wants another sliver off the derrière'

It seems a world away from Raine's first fame as Mrs Gerald Legge, LCC councillor, when she was so disgusted by the dirty milkbottles on the doorsteps in Lewisham. "Oh how sweet of you to remember! I had the best time of my life as Mrs Gerald Legge. People are such vile snobs and say oh the countess this and that, but it was such fun to be Mrs Legge at the bottom of the table with all the attractive men. As you get older and grander you're put next to the wrinklies."

As well as saving Althorp from dilapidation, she saved Earl Spencer from the brink of death, a medical miracle which made Professor Jack Plumb tell her, "If I'm ever ill, Raine, I want you there fighting for me." It gave the Spencers a bonus of 14 years together. "He used to say, 'you'll be hopeless as a widow, I've got to live longer than you.' I really adored that man. You know what one misses most? When you're dressing to go out, and say shall I wear the red or the blue? And how do I look?" And Johnny would murmur, "You're always the best."

"Let's think", said Raine, "of what the message is. It's that there is *hope for all*, even if you're ancient like me. Never worry what age you are, look for adventure, grasp at life. What you give out, you get back, like a boomerang! I'm direct and straightforward: with me, what you get is what you see. As Chateaubriand said about Madame de Pompadour, 'She just knows her own worth.' I'm not that clever but I am dogged. Dogged."

She had made it clear to all her suitors (who must not smoke or be bad-tempered) that she would never dye her hair or have a face lift or lie about her age "after all I've got a boy of 43 walking about".

"But women do have to be careful", Raine advises, "when they are thinking of marriage because men tend to run for the hills. I said to Jean François, look, I don't intend to be a mistress. So if you value your independence you'd better consider running for the hills now." More peals of laughter.

"And I also said, if there is the slightest *frisson* of disapproval from your children, *I* take to the hills. I tried so hard with those Spencers and I cannot go through that again." This is the only *sotto voce* moment. "But the past is past."

As she pauses for breath I say she reminds me of the Rev Sydney Smith's 20 rules on combating low spirits ("1. Live as well as you dare") every one of which she fulfils. She says oh how clever of me, how fascinating, so amusing, and if this flattery is preposterous it is also most agreeable. As we left the hotel room she plumped up all the cushions. "Mummy says you must always leave a room" — plump, plump — "as you found it". Let us hope that this diverting fairytale continues to reflect one of mummy's absurd tales (not, surely, The Cruel Count) with marital bliss in the Chateau Garibondy.

No escaping that woman



LIBBY PURVES

Sir Ronald Millar revealed this week that during the 1980s, the Conservative inner circle believed that by "subtle techniques" and "sinuous manoeuvres . . . a noun here, an adjective there" the BBC was out to get Mrs Thatcher, in a wide spectrum of programmes. Nobody could be keener than me to keep my head below the parapet on this one, but what the hell: I shall toss in my humble bit of hands-on (or rather, head-in-hands) experience.

I did — and still do — a harmless sort of human-interest talk show on Radio 4 on Wednesday mornings. And whether Sir Ronald will believe it or not, we were specifically warned not to take the mickey out of the elected government.

So we tried not to. Mind you, in the early eighties nobody was much troubled by the rumblings of governmental discontent: those of us who had been in news departments during the preceding decade remembered how convinced Harold Wilson was that we were out to get him, how Mr Heath thought the same, and then Mr Callaghan.

The hospitality room of the *Today* programme used to be full of grumbling ministers, forever changing places; for the dull truth is that governments do more things than Oppositions, and actions attract reactions. We knew perfectly well that if Screaming Lord Sutch was ever called to form a government, within six months he would be convinced the BBC hated him.

But the late 1980s were different. Sir Ronald is right to feel that there was something unique and strange going on concerning Mrs Thatcher at that time: but it certainly did not originate with the poor old Corporation. It was more a mass illusion, a groundswell, a madness if you like: and it was personal more than political. We are forgetting now what a powerful figure Mrs Thatcher seemed: so invincible, so utterly sure, so scolding of opponents.

The nation divided into worshippers and haters: Mr Major has nothing remotely comparable to put up with. If you narrow your eyes and murmur "Thatcher's Britain . . . Thatcherism . . . Thatcher!" in a hissing voice, you might catch an echo of the tone of those years. Much of it was unreasonable, some was just snobbish and some could only be called sexist. A bit of it was probably psychosexual in nature since never before has a whole nation (and later, remember, her own party) shown the same symptoms of hate, love, frustration and despair more usually found by psychiatrists in disturbed patients with domineering mothers. Mrs Thatcher, despite her many merits, did for a certain period literally drive the nation mad.

The effect was that even we chat-merchants kept falling disastrously foul of every guideline on not annoying Tory Central Office. You would invite, for example, a comedy actor having a birthday, a bishop who bred fancy mice and a chap who had written a history of surgical appliances. Five minutes into the programme, the comedian starts making Thatcher jokes. The bishop abandons the topic of mice for social injustice in "Thatcher's Britain", and the rest join in vociferously until headed off firmly on to the subject of Victorian drip-stands and catheters. Just as the presenter starts to relax, the appliance-collector suddenly says "Of course, with the Thatcher cuts in the NHS" — and off they all go again.



Sound bites: Mrs Thatcher was wary of broadcasters

The producers then shunned the obvious chattering left, and tried for apolitical guests. The next week we would have a vintage Hollywood wrinkly (Republican, natch) who would suddenly run off the rails with jokes about bossy mothers-in-law and Diane Burgdorf, while the producer clenched her fists to her brow beyond the glass and moaned audibly through the soundproofing. I would hastily move on to, say, an 87-year-old great-grandmother who had just taken her A levels by post. But when I asked blandly "Have you got any more ambitions?" she would up and quaver: "I'd like to see that Wicked Woman out of Downing Street before I die." And I would pretend to a violent coughing-fit.

We did invite, since you ask, known Thatcher partisans: Tory MPs, right-wing actors, Carol Thatcher, the lot. And either they made sly Thatcher jokes themselves, or else the rest of the guests attacked them. It was as if there was no other topic. It is a sort of tribute to Mrs Thatcher, really. If I say, quite apolitically, that we were relieved when she went, I am sure you will understand.

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OPEN IN NEWCASTLE THIS WEEKEND

Janet Daley



■ The silly season story of a tape-recorded tiff gives scope for wild fictional speculations

I was determined not to write about the royal family again. But it is early summer, a season now heralded not so much by the crack of willow against leather as by the thud of tabloids, thick with royal scandal, landing on doormats. To *Times* readers who are prepared to find frivolous the speculation that follows, I would argue that what looks like a standard silly season sensation contains elements which go to the heart of Britain's problems.

First question: are the tapes of what appears to be a fairly pedestrian row between the Prince and Princess of Wales genuine? Both *The Sun*, smirking gleefully over one of the most spectacular press spoilers in living memory, and the *Daily Mirror*, which admits to being bested, say that they are. Both claim to have been told this by unimpeachable inside sources.

As a layman with no particular inside knowledge apart from that which is ricocheting off the walls of a newspaper office, I find it hard to believe that the transcripts are phoney. The exchange that they record is simply too banal not to be authentic.

C: To be honest, I have never really thought about it.

D: Well, you wouldn't, would you?

C: Is there any reason why I should?

D: Should what?

C: Think about it?

D: Do I have to?

C: Is this really getting us anywhere?

D: Not particularly, no.

It would take a Harold Pinter to write a script as devastatingly futile and completely convincing as this. Prince Charles is shown responding in the classic male way to a wife who wishes to confront him: he tries to walk away. If this is an invention, then it is an astonishingly skilful and perceptive one.

So let us dismiss the official Palace claim that these tapes are faked, which is anyway based on the dubious proposition that the couple and their children were never at Highgrove together during the months when the tapes are said to have been made. This assertion is based on the couple's official diaries for the months of November and December, but as one pundit has said, the conversation might just as well have occurred at the end of October. Or the two may have had a meeting — especially considering the irregular pattern of their relationship — which was not noted in their Palace diaries.

Next question: who did the recording and why? If this were a spy thriller by John Le Carré, the deed would have been done by public school former cold warriors who now find themselves at a loose end. Warped by the absence of external enemies, it would be hinted, they have run amok at home. But in what cause? Let us examine the plausible plot lines which are coherent enough to be entertained by a clever novelist.

The spies who now find themselves in the cold, being accustomed to running on their own political judgment in the field, have decided that the present royals are a danger to the established order. They decide to keep under surveillance particularly those whom they think are most likely to destabilise the constitutional system.

Let us say, for the sake of argument, that they have decided that the this entire younger royal generation must be publicly disgraced, because the throne is not safe in their hands. Hence the slipping of crucial tapes to the media, with the long-term goal of displacing the present heir to the throne in favour of the next in line. Credible?

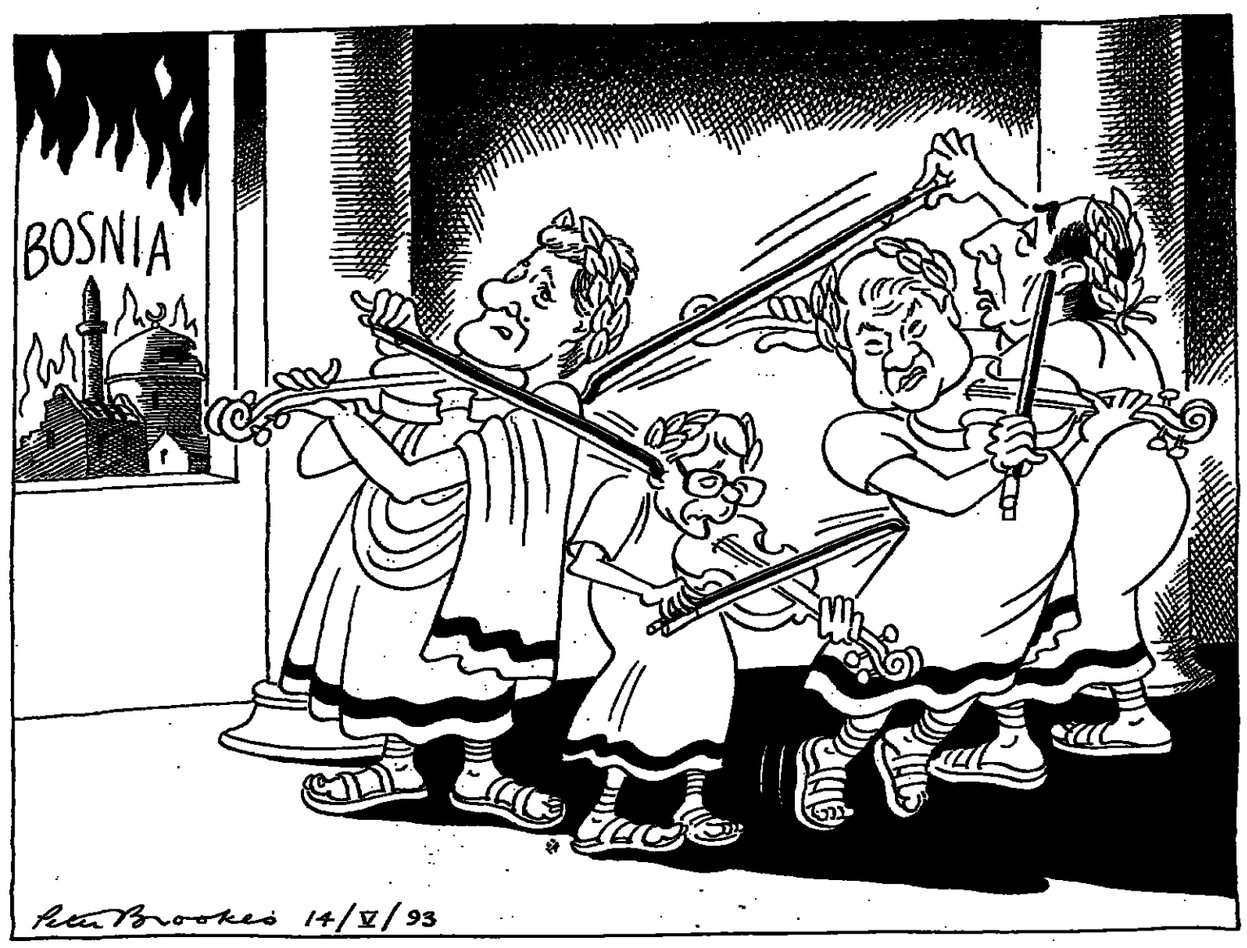
Then there is the opposite but almost equally conceivable suggestion that within the security services there is a knot of fiercely republican mischief-makers, whose intention is to subvert the whole institution of the monarchy. Or simply a group of alienated staff from GCHQ, still bruised from their row with the government about union recognition, who have "gone to the bad".

> With no enemies, have spies run amok at home?

Then again, there is the possibility that one side of the family is using contacts in the wilder, freelance end of the secret service to discredit the other. Given the past year's events, this seems fairly believable. Is the Princess of Wales, or one of her friends, recording and releasing evidence of the Prince Charles's unsympathetic behaviour in order to weaken public support for his accession to the throne? If so, is she playing into the hands of particular political interests within the secret service?

Most disturbing was the government's instant reaction to all these possibilities. The Home Secretary, in his bluff no-nonsense mode, and the prime minister in his baby owl-ish innocent one, firmly slammed down the shutters on any possible public scrutiny of these bizarre events. If the government is really convinced that nothing is amiss with the secret service, then why not put these damaging rumours to rest by a definitive enquiry? For fear of repercussions on the royal family?

If the lesson of this is that unaccountable secret agencies go in for political adventurism, then that truth should not be ignored. If another lesson is that it is dangerous for a modern democracy to embody its historical integrity in the person of a fallible human being, then so be it.



Capital punishment

Interfering little men with big letters in their titles are officialdom's new torture

Bernard Levin

How many times have I told you that Lord Acton did *not* say "All power corrupts", and he would have been a prize nana if he had said such a silly thing. Mother Teresa, by the force of her character and what she did with it, achieved much power: who will be so daft as to imagine that corruption ever touched her? Good King Wenceslas had power over an entire kingdom, but do you suppose he was having a bit on the side as well? When the wind of freedom blew down the gates of communism, did Alexander Dubcek and Vaclav Havel, at last free to speak and act, make a rush for the treasure-chest?

Acton said "Power corrupts", and it does; but so obvious was it to him that there were people who could never be corrupted by power that he did not bother to emphasise the point. But even he failed to spot that there was one more aspect of this thing called power, an aspect that it would be perhaps too harsh to call anything like real corruption, which yet must be struck down whenever it raises its head. It is the kind that adheres to those who have only one tiny fragment of power, one almost invisible crumb of power, one ridiculous and pathetic spot of power, and who know, deep inside them, that they will never get more power than they have now, and must be satisfied (but are *not* satisfied) with that.

I have never wanted power, in any form; I would shun it if it were to be offered to me free, on a silver salver, and with a promise that I would be allowed to use it for none but benevolent actions. Power must exist, I suppose, but it should come with a stamped warning on it in Day-Glo. But if I could abolish all power, or take it from the hands that now clutch it, I would start not with the tyrants and the bullies and those incapable of pity, but with the little, the very little, the microscopically little wielders of their little, their very little, microscopically little measures of power.

And I would not have to go further than Berkshire.

There, a public-house, built in the 14th century, has been feeling the weight of one of those figures who have to make do with the shadow of power. The publican, Ian Macaulay, who will shortly be celebrating the 20th year of his tenure, looks like a man who is at peace with his soul, the world, his pub and his lady wife. Or rather, he *was* such a man until a few weeks ago, when the tiny patter of power was heard, and entered to disturb the placid, happy and well-ordered lives of all the people in and around The Bell at Aldworth.

Mr Macaulay smokes a pipe, and has done for half a century. He smokes it in his own pub (and why should he not?), but of course he puts it down away from the beer when he pulls a pint. A careful and scrupulous man, then, Mr Macaulay, though I may say that even if he didn't put the pipe down as he poured the drink, he is clearly capable of making sure that no ashes or smoke would flutter into the glass. Anyway, no such pollution takes place; there is no contact between pipe and glass, and no problem of hygiene can arise.

No, but it can be conjured up in the most ingenious way, so idiotic are the laws concerning such things.

I begin to believe that the greatest step forward for this country, the most urgent and needed reform, the thing that would produce the most harmonious and pacifying state of affairs throughout the land, is a measure that would forbid — on pain of the severest punishment — any public official who needed to make clear what was his or her position, to use capital letters in doing so.

I am not joking. The threats to publican Macaulay (who, it is right to record, is the holder of awards that would make any publican proud — such as ones from the Campaign for Real Ale, and the Consumers' Association) come, for the moment — I dare say that reinforcements are already on the way — from the Environmental Health Manager for Newbury District Council, and from members of the Local Authorities Co-Ordinating Body on Food and Trading Stan dards; these suffocating capitalists are said to be acting under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

But what are these threats that I mentioned a paragraph or two ago? They are no joke; although our host is, as I say, most scrupulous in seeing that his pipe and anyone else's pint never in any circumstances come together, the capitalised weasels have worked out a very fine wheeze. Although Mr Macaulay is infringing no law because of the gap between tobacco and beer, they can claim that the jolly publican is "engaged as a food handler" and propose to catch him on that preposterous hook. If they manage to get such an impudent case on its feet, (and I suppose that somewhere there is a magistrate so monumentally stupid as to take the complaint seriously), Mr Macaulay can be fined anything up to £5,000 and/or put in prison for three months, and I dare say that many an Environmental Health Manager for Newbury District Council, and many a member of the Local Authorities Co-Ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards, all sheltering under the umbrella of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970, would not be wholly displeased to see Mr Macaulay, his head shaved, broad arrows on his jacket and trousers and gyves on his wrists, being flogged at the cart's tail and then thrown into a dungeon, not, of course, for anything amiss in his pub, but for showing too little respect to all enormously important offices, and in particular the Environmental Health Manager for Newbury District Council and members of the Local Authorities Co-Ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards.

Try my suggestion: what would happen if a publican were to be threatened not by the Environmental Health Manager for Newbury District Council, but by the environmental health manager for newbury district council, and at the same time by members of the local authorities co-ordinating body on food and trading standards, both transgressors having been disrespectful to the food hygiene (general) regulations 1970? Where then is the bubble of power that these weasels clutch to their chests to persuade themselves (they can persuade no one else) that they are, as they really believe, very important persons? This thing could spread. What about gummer, mp? What about mr justice gotitwrongagain? What about the bishop of muchpomposity? What about — ooh, but *what* about — the duchess of york and mr brian? What — but this one is really dangerous — about the director-general of the bbc?

I jest, I suppose. But those creepy-crawlies who want to creepy-crawl all over an honourable man pursuing an honourable trade in perfectly hygienic premises — they do not jest. Somehow, someone gave them a sniff, a sprinkle, just a tiny morsel, of power, and when they got their hands on it, they bathed those hands, like the stage miser of melodrama running his golden pieces through his hands, and said to themselves, "We have power, but what is the point of having power if it lies unused? We must seek a use for our power, lest the very passers-by fail to notice that we have it?"

And then spake one of their number, and he said as follows: "In that placid place, Aldworth, there is an honourable publican, who does not water his beer, nor does he give short measure, and he is at peace with all men, and also, as far as I can see, with God. So now let us go to there and make his life a misery, by using the power that we have."

And at those words there was a tremendous shout of joy, and from all over the land there came a host of Environmental Health Officers, and — not to be surpassed — another host, this one composed of members of the Local Authorities Co-Ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards. The last I saw of them they were on the way to Aldworth, and although I have poor sight, I am almost certain that as they set out on their hunt they were smiling, and I am quite sure that some of them were singing.

And that is what power does to many a perfectly respectable Environmental Health Officer, and does also to a many a perfectly respectable member of a Local Authorities Co-Ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards.

But do you know what Montaigne said on the subject? He said "However high the chair you sit in, you still sit only upon your own arse."

In defence of the realm

Monarchy still has a place, says

Jonathan Clark

Can an intellectually serious argument still be made for hereditary heads of state? Is republicanism, in Charter 88's favourite phrase, an idea whose time has come? The conference which *The Times* is jointly sponsoring on May 22 should give an answer to that question at least.

The constitution has its vocal champions at Westminster in John Patten and John Major. Yet "annus horribilis" was remarkable for how few academic voices were raised in the monarchy's support: historians and churchmen, philosophers and political scientists seemed to let the case for the defence go by default. Is there one?

I believe there is, and that it underlines the danger of constitutional reform in a state of historical amnesia. History uncovers the interrelatedness of problems which practical men seek to isolate: recent crises should remind us how mutually dependent monarchy, church and Parliament still are if each is to survive. And their mutual dependence is a clue to their importance.

Republicans disagree, for they see the crown as an anachronistic survival, left perched on top of a society already secular and republican to the core. As so often, this half-truth is rather less than half true. Whatever the traumas of the 1640s or 1830s, they hardly ranked with 1776, 1789 or 1917: much survives, in the machinery of government (the Queen's peace, the Queen's ministers, unpoliticised armed forces), in manners (deferential more than egalitarian), values (altruistic more than radical-individualist), even speech (the Queen's English rather than cultural pluralism).

Tony Benn is right to see England as essentially unrevolutionised; that indeed is his problem. England's differences from societies republican in their essence are still wide. Yet the intelligentsia typically acknowledges none of this. In the 1790s, Edmund Burke's excessively rhetorical defence of the monarchical principle met with similar knowing smiles.

A written constitution, a bill of rights, social equality, electoral reform — the rational principles of 1789 — were then declared by Whigs to be antithetical to hereditary privilege. Both this faith in the "religion of humanity" and its republican implications were awkwardly challenged when mass democracy in the 20th century empowered a popular culture more pro-monarchical than ever.

What went wrong? Charter 88, campaigning on principles descended from those of 1789, cannot explain monarchy's survival, except as an anachronism. This only means that it is inconsistent with their principles: true, but unilluminating.

Monarchies and republics are equally ancient, and many states which loudly proclaim their modernity also give inordinate significance to the character and conduct of their rulers. Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin, both elective monarchs, perform a symbolic and charismatic role in their societies which no merely functionalist republican theory could explain.

What has really been undermined since 1789 is not the monarchical principle, but the hereditary principle. This is an aspect of secularisation, for the hereditary tie which binds fathers and sons, the living, the dead and the yet unborn is a religious insight. It was always men with theological objections to monarchy who made the hottest republicans: Tom Paine's *Common Sense*, that radical catalyst of the American Revolution, had its impact because, as John Adams saw, it "undertakes to prove, that Monarchy is unlawful by the Old Testament".

Even today, it is often "liberal Anglicans" who are first to exploit the royal family's distresses. The 17th-century prophecy "no bishop, no king" acquires new relevance in Anglicanism's agony over women's ordination: "no priest, no bishop, no king". A Church of England rent by schism will hardly be able to claim apostolic authority for anointing the successor to the throne. Liberal Anglicans will abandon this role with relief in favour of a generalised, multi-faith service of coronation in the plural society whose principles they celebrate.

But if our institutions are to be judged by functional, secular criteria, does a hereditary head of state make any more sense (as Paine asked) than a hereditary mathematician? Republicanism, disestablishment, electoral reform, devolution and much else go together: reform of the monarchy could not stop there.

Burke insisted that he had "never pronounced himself a friend or an enemy to republics or to monarchies in the abstract": the "circumstances and habits" of each country dictated what was best. Yet Burke was a prophet without honour in his own country: the father less of English than of European conservatism.

Hereditary heads of state may have a little future; if they have any it is not obviously in the embittered, vindictive culture of fragmenting Britain. Their real challenge is in the wider European civilisation that inspired Burke: the real case for monarchy is not for its anomalous survival but for its beneficent extension.

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Steam-age man

THERE is some consolation for the railway world as it mourns the loss of Robert Adley, the Tory MP whose enthusiasm for steam engines knew no bounds. A glossy new book by Adley on the decline of the age of steam is to be published this summer, accompanied by 90 colour photographs taken by the member for Christchurch.

Adley is said to have regarded this lament for the steam engine, entitled *Countdown to 1968*, as the culmination of his publishing achievements. In large A4 format, it will chronicle the final years before British Rail abandoned steam engines in August 1968.

Unfortunately, Adley never had a chance to see the proofs of his photographs, taken from railway cuttings, steam-filled stations and engine houses across the country. But he inspected the text proofs very thoroughly only weeks before he died. "He was a meticulous author who went in for very detailed research and was involved at every stage of the book. It sometimes made life very difficult," says Peter Nicholson, his editor at the Oxford Publishing Company.

"When I received his manuscript, I felt there were several cases where he used colons which I didn't think correct so I removed them. The proofs came back with his comment scrawled across them: 'I like colons'. So I had to put them all back."

A saddened Nicholson now plans to include a tribute to his friend in the foreword to the book. "He was a larger-than-life figure and very much a steam-engine man." As Adley admitted when he gave a copy of an earlier work to the Commons' library. *Out of Steam* was the title. "But never on this subject" was his handwritten dedication.

Don't remind me

THE Princess Royal has always enjoyed the limelight as president of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts — and has reserved some of her wittiest speeches for it. On Wednesday at a dinner at London's Guildhall she was presented with her own BAFTA award to celebrate her 21st year in the job. Such an honour usually reduces overcome thespians to gasping sobs of gratitude. But not Princess Anne. Surprised she may have been, but her unscripted acceptance speech began by reproaching the academy for an award that would frighten her dog, and then accused it of a lack of chivalry.

"The passage of time becomes irrelevant once you have gone beyond your 21st birthday. To be reminded of another 21st anniversary seems to be singularly unnecessary," she said. The assembled showbiz crowd loved it. "I have been looking around in vain for the autocue," said Michael Grade. "If she would like a series on Channel 4, my door is open."

● *Two days ago Signet, publisher of James Whitaker's scurrilous tome* Diana v Charles, *tantalised media royal watchers by promising that "the best-kept publishing secret of the year" would be unveiled on May 27 when the book was published. Two days on and with the book's contents fast becoming the worst-kept publishing secret of all time, Signet have bowed to the inevitable* — Diana v Charles *is published today.*

Out of bounds?

PUNDITS may be writing Norman Lamont's political obituary. But in his Kingston upon Thames constituency, Lamont is still king. This evening the local association is holding a dinner to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Lamont's election as MP, in a by-election. Among those toasting the health of the Chancellor will be Lord Boyd-Carpenter, his predecessor, whose daughter Sarah Hogg is head of the Downing Street policy unit. Loyal Tories insist it will not be a wake. But comparisons with the Last Supper are hard to avoid. Not only is Lamont's tenure of No 11 under threat, so is the Kingston upon Thames constituency. It is likely to disappear in the boundary review after the next election.

Circulation wars

THE Salvation Army — its image still tarnished by its expensive brush with international fraudsters — is thinking of changing the name of its weekly newspaper, *The War Cry*. The impetus has come from the new deputy editor, Stephen Pearson, who feels that it is "old-fashioned and gives the wrong impression".

It will, however, be a hard fight. *The War Cry* has been published since 1879, the year after the Salvation Army was founded, and opposition to any change is likely to be considerable. Pearson, who started at *The War Cry* three weeks ago after an eight-year stint on *TV Times*, has yet to mention his idea to his bosses, but believes "almost anything would be better than the current name. I do not want to say what my ideas are until I have brought it up formally."

The War Cry, whose circulation in Britain approaches 100,000, has siblings in more than half of the 95 countries in which the Sally Army operates: Belgium has *Le Cri de Guerre*; Brazil *Brado de Guerra*; East Africa *Sauti-ya-vita*. Despite this history, Pearson is determined. "*The War Cry* has odd connotations. I think it should be changed but it will no doubt be a battle persuading the Army."



Unentitled

ASIL NADIR'S flight to Northern Cyprus may be good news for the region's tourist industry, but it has caused problems for one British publisher. *Northern Cyprus*, a best-selling guide to the unrecognised republic, published by Windrush Press, has been defaced in several bookshops across London since Nadir escaped.

Although Greek opposition to Northern Cyprus is well known, activists have chosen the past week to step up their campaign. On Monday Victoria Huxley, Windrush's publishing director, received a book from one bookseller which had the words "This travel book is promoting tourism in an illegal country!!" on the title page. Other copies have also been defaced.

Huxley says: "Obviously Nadir going back to Northern Cyprus is good publicity for the country on one level, but this kind of thing it is very unwelcome."

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A GOOD TURN

Magistrates and the Major government both won a battle

Kenneth Clarke yesterday sounded a much-needed retreat over the 1991 Criminal Justice Act while appearing, characteristically, to stay on the attack. In its first seven months, the act has antagonised magistrates and judges, who feel that the business of the courts has been made more difficult and the law brought into disrepute by its rigid prescriptions. The reforms announced yesterday are expedient and necessary.

The 1991 act was intended to reduce the prison population by standardising sentencing practice. Violent and sexual offences would be punished more severely, while less serious offenders would be given non-custodial sentences. This principle is worth preserving in spirit, but the Home Secretary is right to encourage a less prescriptive approach to imprisonment. He has already announced that some persistent young offenders will be sent to secure detention centres and that the size of the prison population "should be driven by the decision of the courts to send people to prison".

Because justice can never be reduced to a formal calculus, magistrates need appropriate discretionary powers to make sentencing decisions. Yet the 1991 act declares that courts cannot take into account previous offences, depriving magistrates of the essential right to judge when an offender's record should be included in the reckoning. To add to the confusion, section 29 allows that the "circumstances of other offences" can indeed aggravate a crime.

Yesterday Mr Clarke resolved the contradiction by announcing that courts would be able to take account of all offences for which an offender has been convicted, and that their powers to have full regard to the criminal record of an offender would be restored. Most gratifying to the act's critics such as the Magistrates' Association and the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, will be the abolition of the unit fines system, which has reduced to absurdity the principle that the punishment must fit the criminal as well as the crime.

A sentencing structure which fines a drunken driver £212 and his passenger four times as much is clearly unacceptable, and Mr Clarke has decided that the use of income bands should now be dropped completely. Nonetheless, he is also expected to preserve the best of the act by instructing magistrates to examine defendants' means thoroughly before passing sentence.

The home secretary should be praised for acknowledging that justice is not algorithmic and that the new statutory framework for sentencing criminals must leave considerable room for local discretion. By conceding the flaws in the system openly and without a hint of embarrassment, he also showed that ministerial resolve can correct the most woefully drafted legislation, and that a government can improve its standing by admitting gracefully it has made a mistake. As a result, the charge levelled by Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, that government policy had never collapsed so quickly, failed to stick.

Mr Clarke's colleagues should learn from his example. The Chancellor of Exchequer has alienated voters and backbenchers alike by refusing to acknowledge that he has been proved wrong over the ERM. The home secretary has had to retreat much further than John Patten, the education secretary, would have to back down in order to bring peace to the nation's classrooms. Yet it is Mr Patten who has dithered, while Mr Clarke has shown that a potential humiliation can be turned into a victory for common sense.

THE GERMAN RESPONSIBILITY

Pressure on Croatia has a part to play too

While the world has been trying to cajole the Bosnian Serbs to halt their attacks on besieged Muslim towns, little attention has been given to the ethnic cleansing going on in areas now controlled by Bosnian Croats. In Mostar hundreds of Muslims have been rounded up and marched away into captivity. Taking advantage of the attempt by the United Nations to negotiate local ceasefires with the Serbs, the Croats have consolidated their hold on northern and western Bosnia, stepped up attacks on their erstwhile allies and demonstated all the brutality and tergiversation that has become the hallmark of the Balkans.

One country, however, has noticed and has been particularly shocked: Germany. The Germans expended much political capital, irritating their partners in the European Community, in pushing for recognition of Croatia. Politicians, the press and the German public embraced the Croatian cause with a fervour that to many recalled all too readily the wartime alliance with the fascist government in Zagreb.

Disillusion has rapidly followed. Croatia is not a model democracy. Its government is authoritarian, its leaders dream of a Greater Croatia and its extremist HVO forces are as prepared to shed blood to achieve this aim as the nationalists in Belgrade.

Germany suffers an anguish over the fighting in former Yugoslavia more intense than in most European countries. The older generation has bitter memories of war, famine, rape and concentration camps. The younger generation remembers the Yugoslavia where holiday-makers flocked in their millions. Yugoslavs, mostly Croats, have worked and settled in Germany in their hundreds of thousands. And Germany has taken in more refugees than all the rest of Europe put together. But the Germans have been unable, for historic and constitutional reasons, to play any role in ending this suffering. They have perforce remained on the sidelines.

Yet Germany can still wield some influence in Croatia, and Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, is now in Zagreb, for the second time, telling President Tudjman that he must do more to halt the Bosnian Croats' attacks on the Muslims. Like President Milosevic, with whom he shares much of the responsibility for the Yugoslav tragedy, President Tudjman can control the extremists if he chooses; the suspicion is that he prefers a de facto collusion with Belgrade in a carve-up of Bosnia that confines the Muslims to a few isolated ghettos.

Herr Kinkel is unlikely to admit in Zagreb that premature German recognition — and hence European recognition — was the catalyst to the present cataclysm, though an increasing number of people in Germany now reluctantly admit this. He himself is one of the most vigorous opponents of German military involvement in peace-keeping operations, and has effectively paralysed his own government by taking the issue to the constitutional court. But where Germany can use its influence, it should. Sooner or later the country must emerge from its present industrial and political maelstrom, cast off its inhibitions and prepare to play a world role commensurate with its new-found sovereignty. For years Germany was consumed by the need to ensure that no Auschwitz ever occurred again on German-controlled territory. Today that is not enough; Germans, together with other Europeans, have a duty to ensure no new Auschwitz claims victims in other countries, including Bosnia.

NEW DOMESDAY

Those who live by subsidy shall suffer from bureaucracy

Tomorrow is the form-filling deadline for what seems the most comprehensive land survey of this country since the deeds of William the Conqueror. This year's agricultural census to qualify for subsidies from the European Commission makes Domesday Book seem like a casual enquiry about market prices.

Domesday managed to cover the whole of England, apart from such remote districts as Northumberland, in 382 folio pages. Nine centuries later, every farmer in the land has been sent an eight-page form to fill in, and an 80-page booklet to explain how. Nobody knows how many farmers qualify for subsidy; the best guess is about 240,000 in England and Wales. But in order not to leave out anybody eligible, the Ministry of Agriculture has posted its package of papers to 330,000 names on its mailing lists, so scattering its angst throughout the land.

The earlier Anglo-Saxons resented having to detail every field, horse, cow, pig and hen for their conquerors to tax. But at least they did not have to bother about the infinitesimal print of hedges and ditches that are wider than normal, and accordingly have to be deducted from arable areas for which subsidies are claimed. William's census took two years, not a few panicking weeks. Penalties for lateness or inaccuracy with forms are expensive today, though not as stern as those exacted by the Normans.

The principal advantage of Domesday Book over the EC census was that King William sent out his own officials around the country to fill in his standard questionnaire. This year's census is by self-assessment, a system that preys upon the notoriously queasy English conscience, and the terror of being exposed as a cheat by some Euro-satellite camera from a great height. Eight million farmers in other parts of the European Community are more robust in their fiddling with bureaucracy, and many of the other members of the EC already have centralised land registries on computer. The UK comes late to recording information about its farms centrally.

The British make good farmers and also punctilious, honest, and laborious bureaucrats. However, these qualities are rarely combined in the same person. British hatred of income tax derives as much from irritation and impatience with the notes meant to help with filling in the tax return as from handing over hard-earned money.

This is the last day for English and Welsh farmers to fill in their fiendish forms, if they want to qualify for their full share of £960 million in EC subsidies available. Since the Garden of Eden, farmers have needed a sense of humour as well as a sense of humus to survive. But when it comes to eating their bread by the sweat of their faces, they should sweat it out, even over forms. Once this new Domesday Book is on computer, by next year farmers can get back to what they do best, sheep and spraying and grumbling that there is no money in farming. Their consolation must be that the new bureaucratic Domesday Book, however pedantic, brings with it Brussels gold rather than Norman taxes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case for enquiry on bugging abuse

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, The question is not whether MI5 or some other government agency was responsible for what the home secretary has described (report, May 13, later editions) as bugging the royal family's conversations, as he agrees has been taking place, but who is?

Quite clearly the bugging of private conversations — not always on the telephone — between members of the royal family has occurred. If this does not involve a breach of the criminal law (and it appears to me that a conspiracy is probably involved) it is at least a matter of grave public concern and a gross invasion of privacy.

It ought to be made the subject of a statutory enquiry under the 1921 act, before which the various circulation-seeking journalists and others could be required to give evidence on oath.

Meantime this studied denigration of members of the royal family and other people of public importance by the invasion of their privacy will go on. The home secretary should dither no more.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
May 13.

From Mr Michael M. H. Gross

Sir, Is it not now appropriate for the criminal law to apply its sanctions to those who publish private information which has been improperly acquired, in exactly the same way as it currently prosecutes a receiver of any other stolen goods?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL GROSS,
Cavendish House,
155 Regents Park Road, NW1.
May 13.

Service by competition

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants

Sir, Graham Mather's eulogy for US-style provision of public services ("Revolution at the top", Public Management, May 6) fits very well with his enthusiasm for privatisation and government by contract. Unfortunately for him, the reality of the American experience does not fit so snugly with his ideological position.

Mather argues that the US system, liberated from the deadening hand of a standardising centre, is able to free "large tracts of public provision that should be open to competition, to experiment and innovation". Applied to health provision, such competitive, experimental and innovative policies have left millions of Americans with no health cover whatsoever.

However, the record of failure is not confined to the health sector. In December 1992, a report prepared by Richard G. Darman, the director of the US government's Office of Management and Budget, showed how the contracting-out of public services has led to the waste of billions of dollars, mismanagement on a massive scale, corruption and fraud.

The New York Times (December 2, 1992) described the report as "among the most incisive critiques ever published by the Government of a central tenet of the Reagan/Bush era: the idea that private companies can do the Federal Government's work better for less money".

Already the first stage of the contracting-out programme in the Prison Service has produced a catalogue of bungling and now, tragedy. (report, May 10). Unless the market testing programme is halted, the results will be services that are of poorer quality, less accountability and higher costs to the taxpayer.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SHELDON,
General Secretary,
National Union of Civil and Public Servants,
124-130 Southwark Street, SE1.
May 10.

Ethics in business

From Dr Philip F. Esler

Sir, You report (May 10) that a recent seminar of some 150 leading advertising and marketing professionals in London greeted with "thunderous applause" a suggestion that children be targeted as a way of marketing to their parents.

Such a proposal could involve manipulation of children and of their parents: one need only observe a tired and harassed parent with two or three young children attempting late one afternoon to pass through a supermarket check-out where confectionery has been temptingly laid out at child height.

Is it too much to ask that business men and women seek to maximise their returns not by stunts, but by tight quality control, vigorous price competition and dedicated after-sales service, and by marketing which highlights those features?

Many business executives today have recognised the exciting challenges posed to their operations by the public's increasing environmental awareness and are seeking to develop a new ethos and ethics which go beyond short-term profit.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP F. ESLER,
University of St Andrews,
Department of Divinity,
St Mary's College, St Andrews, Fife.

Asil Nadir and his refuge in Cyprus

From Viscount Tonypandy

Sir, Your report (May 11, later editions) of Asil Nadir giving Britain "a diplomatic headache" is somewhat misleading. It refers to the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in October as being hosted by "the Greek Cypriot government". Further in the report you include the words, "without encouraging recognition" of the "breakaway state".

When Cyprus gained independence (in 1960) it was not on the basis of anything but a recognition that Cyprus is a nation in its own right. They are neither Greek nor Turkish, but Cypriot: two languages are spoken, but they are one people. This is similar to Wales, where two languages are spoken, but we do not speak of Welsh Wales and English Wales.

The Turkish army of occupation in the north of Cyprus is the main impediment to a solution of the political differences in that beautiful island country. No country in the world acknowledges Turkey's right to occupy part of Cyprus. The United Nations has made its position clear on this issue, as has Her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom.

It is high time that the Turkish government withdrew its army of occupation from a nation that poses no threat to Turkey's safety.

Yours faithfully,
TONYPANDY,
House of Lords.
May 11.

From Mr David Janney

Sir, In the last few days the Foreign Office, the Lord Chancellor and Britain's representative in Nicosia have requested the President of Northern Cyprus, for whose government we act, to return Asil Nadir for trial in Britain. Each has failed.

The reason is that it would be unlawful for the Northern Cypriot government to force Nadir out of his own country, whatever charges have been brought against him. It is not a question of the government harbouring a wanted man — it has no choice: Nadir has the constitutional right to stay in his own country and because Britain does not give diplomatic recognition to Northern Cyprus there is no extradiction treaty.

It is unfair for your paper and others to print repeatedly that the Northern Cypriot government has refused to hand him over. The fact is that Britain cannot lawfully ask for his return.

All reasonable people think that Nadir should face his trial in London, but the Northern Cypriot government cannot suspend a citizen's constitutional rights to satisfy the interests of a foreign state in one particular case; the rule of law would be meaningless.

The request to Turkey for assistance was justified if based on the extradition arrangements binding England and Turkey but unjustified if it involved any request to put pressure on Northern Cyprus. Britain should not ask a law-abiding state to act unlawfully simply because Britain's domestic arrangments for fraud trials allowed Nadir to escape.

Yours etc.,
DAVID JANNEY,
Theodore Goddard (solicitors),
150 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
May 10.

From Mr Renos Prentzas, MP
(Cyprus House of Representatives)

Sir, Asil Nadir has proved to be a master con man and it is more with sorrow than with anger that we in Cyprus turn to say "we told you so".

It is ironic that as far back as 1983 the Cyprus government had set the alarm bells going about Nadir's flimsy financial empire, built on property stolen from Greek Cypriots forced out of their country during the 1974 Turkish invasion. And all this with the blessings of the illegal regime, masquerading as a "state", in the northern part of the island.

No business can thrive without giving heed to principles of justice and human rights. It was inevitable that sooner or later the bubble would burst.

Alas, no one, and most notably neither the British Department of Trade nor the Stock Exchange, paid any attention when the writing was on the wall and they were told so. Now all the British authorities are left with is a sorry tale and a lot of egg on their face.

Yours sincerely,
RENOS PRENTZAS,
House of Representatives,
Nicosia, Cyprus.
May 13.

From Miss Christina Diplos

Sir, I am dismayed by references in the British media to "Northern Cyprus" and to the village of Mr Nadir's refuge as "Lapta" (report, May 6). My parents come from the village of Lapithos, the name by which it has been known for 2,000 years and which was changed to Lapta by the Turkish forces of occupation in 1974.

There is no legitimate authority in the occupied area. That is why Polly Peck's creditors will never realise the bulk of the company's assets in the occupied part: many of them were originally taken from their lawful owners by force.

The way the media portrays Cyprus is an insult to the 250,000 refugees who are still waiting for the UN to force Turkey to allow them to return to their homes.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA DIPLOS,
20 Midholm,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.
May 6.

Opera for all

From Mr Paul Watkins

Sir, Nicholas Payne, the director-designate of the Royal Opera, is quoted in Rodney Milnes's article (Arts, May 12) as asking "How do we make this place belong to the poor buggers who pay for it through their taxes?"

The answer, to this poor bugger, seems clear enough. We, the majority of opera enthusiasts who have little or no opportunity of visiting Covent Garden, will never feel that we are getting our money's worth from the Royal Opera until we are able to see all its productions on television.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WATKINS,
Pastures Farm, Sotherton,
Halesworth, Suffolk.

Swinging Forties

From Mr T. H. Carline

Sir, Who remembers the admirable Sergeant Muffet Moffat, presenter of *Midnight in Munich*, on the American Forces Network station recalled by Mr John Mendes (letter, May 8)? He was about the only disc jockey I have ever been hooked on, until recently — now the equally admirable and alliteratively appropriate Michael Mappin, of Classic FM, gives me the same satisfaction, albeit with a rather different sort of music.

Yours faithfully,
T. H. CARLINE,
Pen-y-Glyn Hall,
Flint Mountain, Flint, Clwyd.

Gravity at work

From Mr G. M. Burton

Sir, In his most interesting article on the privatisation of Northern Ireland Electricity (Business, May 5), Ross Tieman asserted that "some hope that the introduction of private sector pressures will cause wages to fall".

Exactly whose wages would Mr Tieman be referring to? Whilst those of the average worker may (or may not) fall, you can bet your spare kidney that the remuneration of those in charge of Northern Ireland Electricity will most assuredly go up (very fast).

Yours sincerely,
G. M. BURTON,
c/o Orpington Constituency
Labour Party,
13-15 High Street, St Mary Cray,
Orpington, Kent.

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'A more humble tone'

From Professor A. K. S. Lambton

Sir, Mr Major asks his colleagues to "adopt a more humble tone" in their public utterances (report, May 10). Something far more radical is needed if public unease over the government's performance is to be allayed.

This unease stems not from the government's public utterances but from its incompetence. A prime example is its ill-considered intention to privatise the railways without regard to the practicalities.

Yours truly,
A. K. S. LAMBTON,
Gregory, Kirknewton,
Wooler, Northumberland.

From Mrs Linda M. Hunt

Sir, As one of the political corpses described by Mr Angus Campbell in his excellent letter (May 11), may I say how sad I am that 17 years of happy and, I hope, useful service to my community at all levels of local government should have come to an end last Thursday for no better reason, I truly believe, than that I was the nearest thing labelled "Conservative" that an enraged electorate could sink its teeth into.

Yours faithfully,
LINDA M. HUNT,
The Grange, Wool,
Wareham, Dorset.
May 11.

Mother's choice

From Mrs Frances Savin

Sir, We would welcome the extension of maternity leave from 14 to 18 weeks (letter, May 7). However, we consider 18 weeks far too little time for nurturing a child. The longer the mother spends with her child the better; ideally the pre-school years give a real start for the development of a secure emotional individual.

The government offers no financial encouragement for a mother to make this choice. A couple, of which one partner is earning, pays over £1,000 more income tax than a couple on the same income of which both partners are earning.

Young couples generally lack spare money for investments. Maternity allowance is not paid to a non-earning full-time mother of more than one child.

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES SAVIN
(Chairman, Full Time Mothers),
3 Wakelin Chase,
Ingatestone, Essex.
May 7.

'Farce' of revised tests system

From the President of the Society of Education Officers

Sir, The assessment of pupils in relation to the national curriculum has become farcical: children are pawns in what has now become an overt political game.

The latest offer of a revised system next year, alongside an insistence that this year's tests must be completed, is nonsense. John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association (report, May 12), is right: if the tests are not good enough for next year, why are pupils to be subjected to them this year?

The argument that we shall be in the dark about pupils' progress if the tests do not go ahead is unsustainable: first, because teachers are assessing pupils and will report on progress to parents; secondly, because tests are useful only if the results are valid and reliable; thirdly, because year-on-year comparisons can be made only within a stable testing system.

The lack of decisive action to restore confidence by postponing this year's tests or making them voluntary is serving to lower further the morale of a service which has been running on good will for far too long.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER FARMER,
President,
Society of Education Officers,
20 Bedford Way, WC1.
May 12.

From Mr Alan Pitt

Sir, In the light of the Secretary of State for Education's statement to the House (report, May 12) that assessment tests of schoolchildren should this year continue as foreseen, I shall look to your journal for guidance on the position of governors confronted by a boycott by teachers.

To date, the only such advice has come at the end of a long letter sent recently by Mr Patten to all chairs of governing bodies, in which he seeks to explain the government's position. In what seems to be some kind of veiled threat he stresses very heavily governors' statutory duty to deliver the national curriculum and fulfil associated procedures.

The governing body of which I form a part meets this week. Should, as seems likely, the majority of us feel that a boycott is justified and the teachers should be supported, will we either individually or jointly be open to prosecution if we act accordingly?

There must surely be many people in the country who find themselves in my position as a parent governor: an unpaid volunteer who welcomed the opportunity the 1988 Education Reform Act gave me to contribute to school life, yet who would now appear to face a court of law because I took too seriously what I considered to be my primary duty — assisting the efficient provision of efficacious education to the children.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN PITT,
34 Muswell Avenue, N10.
May 12.

From Dr J. C. Gibbings

Sir, Imagine a government minister trying to lay down a "national curriculum" for operating-theatre practice in medicine or nursing, or for the engineering profession on risk analysis, or for the Bar on training for entry to the law.

Each of these professions is governed by a learned body which, correctly, controls matters of professional expertise. In teaching, by complete contrast, we have a proliferation of trade unions whose remit covers matters of professional expertise. In my view, this is wrong.

Teachers will continue to be subjugated to the government in matters of professional expertise until their profession organises itself as a single learned professional body of high academic status. Meanwhile, the pupils suffer.

Yours sincerely,
J. C. GIBBINGS,
7 Andrews Walk, Heswall,
Wirral, Merseyside.
May 8.

Pirate's handle

From Mr Angus Blackhall

Sir, Laura Hadfield's poser (letters, May 11, 13) — what was Captain Hook's name before he lost his hand? — is easily explained by the fact that ancient explorers and mariners frequently achieved the fate suggested by their names; Cook was cooked, Speke presumably spoke, Burton eventually went for one. Mr Hook's promotion was inevitable.

Yours from a dimly lit vestibule,
ANGUS BLACKHALL,
37 Hartington Road,
West Ealing, W13.

From Mr Graeme E. Robson

Sir, I am not aware of Captain Hook's name, prior to his unfortunate encounter with the crocodile, but I believe his rank at the time was that of Leading Hand.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME E. ROBSON,
100 Stephenson Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 13: The Queen this morning opened the new Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and was received by Dr Brian Mawhinney (Minister of State for the Department of Health) and the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Miss Elizabeth Christmas).

Her Majesty toured the hospital, escorted by the Chairman, North West Thames Health Authority (Sir William Doughty), met staff and patients and subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Elton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 13: The Prince Edward this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Spain to attend the inauguration of the Victorian Paintings Exhibition, the Prado, Madrid.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Mr Christopher Lloyd were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 13: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, this morning attended a Conference for Voluntary Organisations, "Don't Take it as Read", Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, SW1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened Manchester Airport Railway Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Manchester 2000 Olympic facilities and attended a reception at KPMG Peat Marwick, St James' Square, and a dinner at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Midland Hotel.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 13: The Princess of Wales this evening attended a Gala Charity Concert in aid of the Council for Music in Hospitals, St John's Smith Square, London, SW1.

Mrs Max Pike and Captain Edward Musto, RM, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 13: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Leicestershire Record Office, Long Street, Wigston Magna and later visited Wigston Framework Knitters Museum.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the new offices of Blaby District Council, Narborough and afterwards opened Skelton Court Care Home for the Elderly, Ryder Road, Kirby Frith.

Finally His Royal Highness visited the Leicestershire Scout Headquarters on the occasion of their Sixtieth Anniversary, Regent Road, Leicester.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited *Royal Air Force Boulmer* and was received on arrival in Northumberland by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley, KG).

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Hi-Lo Manufacturing Limited, Nathan Way, London SE28 and this afternoon visited Waddington and Duval Limited, Lee Road, Merton, London SW19 and Philips Printed Circuits (United Kingdom) Limited, Commerce Way, Croydon, Surrey.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon left RAF Northolt for Paderborn, Germany.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Memorial services

Major-General Mike Matthews
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Mike Matthews was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Rev T.B.F. Hiney officiated. Mr Graeme Matthews, son, read the lesson and General Sir John Akehurst gave an address. The Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire was represented by Brigadier R. Long and the Commandant General of the Royal Marines by Colonel M.E. Hatt-Cooke. Among others present were:

Mrs Matthews (widow), Mr and Mrs James Matthews (son and daugher-in-law), Miss Nichola Matthews and Miss Julie Matthews (daughters), Mrs Graeme Matthews (daughter-in-law), Sir John and Lady Maclure (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr Patrick Maclure (brother-in-law).

Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, General Sir Peter Inge (Chief of General Staff), General Sir John Stibbon (Chief Royal Engineer), General Sir Roland Guy (governor, Royal Hospital Chelsea) with Major-General F G Sugden (lieutenant governor) and Mrs Sugden; General Sir David Ramsbotham (Adjutant General), General Sir Patrick and Lady Palmer, General Sir Charles and Lady Huxtable, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett (Army Cadet Force Association), Lieutenant-General Sir Peter and Lady Hudson, Lady Akehurst.

Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Daly, Major-General C Tyler (resident governor, HM Tower of London), Major-General J A J P Barr (Engineer-in-Chief (Army)), Major-General D M Naylor, Major-General P C Shapland (Combined Cadet Forces Association), Major-General G B Sinclair, Major-General and Mrs P E Chiswell, Major-General and Mrs E W Barton, Major-General and Mrs Michael Walsh, Major-General F W J Cowtan, Major-General and Mrs Mike Reynolds, Major-General David Grove, Major-General and Mrs G W Field, Major-General and Mrs R L Peck, Major-General J Boyne, Major-General A I G Kennedy, Major-General P Fagan, Major-General A N Carlier, Major-General and Mrs W A Evans.

Air Vice-Marshal B H Newton, Brigadier P J F Palmer (representing Master Gunner, St James's Park), Brigadier W Shackell (director, Reserve Forces), Brigadier John Hooper (Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)), with Colonel Ted Smeeden and Lieutenant-Colonel Coulson; Brigadier B Cowey, Brigadier G A Hewish, Brigadier and Mrs T S Sneyd, Surgeon Captain M Allwood, Colonel C P R Bates (Regimental Colonel, Royal Engineers), Colonel R I Reive, Colonel A H Protheroe, Colonel Tim May (Alexander and Alexander) with Mr Graham Mussell and Mr Peter Lawrence; Colonel M Cubitt and Lieutenant-Colonel R M Cannons (Army Rugby Union).

Lieutenant-Colonel D Jessop (Institute of Civil Engineers), Group Captain Peter Harris, Major W D Edmonds (4th/5th Green Howards), Major David Hough (RE (V)), Major J R Horrell, Captain R G Collins (Royal British Legion, Chagford branch) and Mrs Collins, Mr John Faid (Service Personnel Secretariat, Ministry of Defence), Mr Everett Ball (HQ Land Forces), Mr D W Taylor (Airborne Engineers Association, Aldershot branch), Mr T Fry (Child Growth Foundation), Mr Donald Spiers and representatives from TAVRA, West Sussex, Greater London, and Yorkshire and Humberside branches.

Joyce Carey
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Joyce Carey, OBE, will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden on Tuesday, June 1, 1993, at noon.


Sarah Hogg, head of the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, is 47 today

Birthdays today

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 48; Dr Hastings Banda, life President of Malawi, 88; Mr Chay Blyth, *yachtsman*, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, 68; Mr Denis Cannan, dramatist, 74; Mr Phil Drabble, broadcaster, 79; Sir Owen Green, chairman, BTR, 68; Mr R.D.C. Hubbard, chairman, Powell Duffryn, 57; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 51; Mr Martin Mogg, former governor, Durham Prison, 52; Canon John Oates, rector, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 63; Miss Siân Phillips, actress, 59; Sir Peregrine Rhodes, diplomat, 68; Sir Adam Ridley, executive director, Hambros Bank, 51; Mr Leslie Sharp, chief constable, Strathclyde, 57; Mrs Patricia Turner, trades unionist, 66; Judge Adrianne Uziell-Hamilton, 61.

Latest wills

Sir Hugh Roderick **Macleod**, of London W2, former chairman of Lloyds Register of Shipping, left estate valued at £521,412 net.

Mr John Edward **Mortimer**, of East Molesey, Surrey, Johnnie Mortimer, the TV comedy writer, left estate valued at £1,222,224 net.

Doris Evelyn **Yeardley**, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £750,796 net.
She left £17,000 and her home, other property and effects to personal legatees, £1,000 each to the Columban Fathers, Navan, Co Meath, the RNLI and Salvation Army, and the residue equally between St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association and Cancer Research Campaign.

Mr Philip Edward **Harrison**, of Loxley, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £476,465 net.

Miss Rachel Ann **Albright**, of Andover, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,487,657.

School news

Bedales School
Bedales School continues its Centenary Celebrations this summer with an extensive programme of events leading up to Parents' Weekend on June 19-20; Old Bedalians who have not received details already should contact the school. The Centenary Appeal to build the Bedales Olivier Theatre has now passed £320,000; those still wishing to contribute should contact the Appeal Director.

Eton College
The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships:
C.E.B-H. Lewis, Haileybury Junior School; M.H-L. Tse, Ashdown House; S.E.S. FitzGerald, St Paul's Prep School, Colet Court; R.R. Colvile, Summer Fields; R.G. Holden, Summer Fields; M.R. Gould, Edge Grove; A.F.S. Leslie, Summer Fields; M.J. Pavey, St Bede's School; J.R. Wilberg, Wellesley House; A.G. Rawlinson, St Paul's Prep School, Colet Court; G.R.G.L. Alesbury, Horris Hill; A.G.G. Dunn, St Paul's Prep School, Colet Court; A.T. Morgan, Milbourne Lodge; T.M. Nelson, Summer Fields; R.P.L. Jenkin, St Michael's School, Jersey.

The following boys have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar:
P.J. Atkinson, Cranleigh Preparatory School; G.E.P. de Wilde, Summer Fields; M.C. Johnson, Caldicott; M.A.C. Martin, Holmewood House, Langton Green.
The Annah Shaw Scholarship: G.E.P. de Wilde, Summer Fields.
The Oppidan Exhibition: M.A.C. Martin, Holmewood House, Langton Green.

Tonbridge School
The following awards have been made by Tonbridge School:
Academic Awards
Ainslie Scholarship: Ben Harding, Holmewood House.
Scholarships (in order of merit): Stuart Norman, Vinehall; Alastair Maw, Solefield; Mark Jones, The New Beacon; Timothy Bannister, The New Beacon, and Tonbridge; Frederick Ball, The New Beacon; William Rudge, DCPS Dulwich; Mark Swindells, Mowden; Matthew Banes, Holmewood House; Christopher Sleeman, Holmewood House; Robert Harland, Wellesley House; Ian Mackay, The New Beacon.
Exhibitions (in alphabetical order): Mark Agate, Rose Hill; James Brown, Holmewood House; Simon Burden, Underhill; James Butcher, Cranmore; Andrew Clarke, DCPS Dulwich; Daniel Hall, Chinthurst; Adrian Hunt, Milbourne Lodge; David Poston, Solefield; Nicholas Poyntz, Yardley Court; Thomas Smitham, Cranmore.
Music Awards (in order of merit): Christopher Ward, Magdalen College School Oxford; Frederick Ball, The New Beacon; Andrew Clarke, DCPS Dulwich; William Rudge, DCPS Dulwich; Dominic Gould, Yardley Court; William Flegg, DCPS Cranbrook; James Baker, Hilden Grange.
Choral Award: Richard Silver, Westminster Abbey Choir School.
Art Awards: Khalid Al-Qasimi, Handcross Park; Anton Cataldo, Temple Grove; Guy Salisbury, Solefield.

University news

Oxford
University prizes
The L.J. Witts Prize in Haematology or Gastroenterology 1992-3 has been awarded to Ruth Margaret Tarzi, Magdalen College.

Balliol College
Elections
To an Official Fellowship in Philosophy from October 1993: Helen Catherine Steward.
To the Richard Bradford McConnell Research Fellowship in Aegean archaeology from October 1993: Nicoletta Momigliano.
To the Dr Paul Janssen Research Fellowship in Bio-Medical Sciences from October 1993: Annemarie Coffman Lellouch.

Merton College
The following promotions have been made:
To Postmasterships: Mr J.P. Coxon, formerly of Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Miss C.J. Houlihane, formerly of Coventry School, and Miss C.L. Russell, formerly of Cleeve School.
To an Exhibition: Miss E.L. Haynes, formerly of Malvern Girls' college.

Cambridge
Corpus Christi College
Elected into Fellowships in Class B of Statute 31 w.e.f. October 1, 1993: Alison Sheila Franklin, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, *London, for* research in Organic Chemistry; Ian Richard McBride for research in History.

Bath
Recent research grants and contracts include:
School of Chemical Engineering: J B Chaudhuri and J A Howell, *A Biochemical Engineering Study of Protein Refolding*, ERC, £287,947.
School of Chemistry: K C Molloy and D Bloor (Durham University), *Synthesis and Evaluation of Novel Conducting Materials Incorporating Macrocycle-Heterofulvalene Hybrids*, SERC, £34,833.
School of Education: W A H Scott, *Enterprise Awareness in Teacher Education*, DTI, £10,540.
School of Management: R C Lamming and P D Cousins, *Relationship Assessment*, SERC, £142,391.
School of Mechanical Engineering: C R Burrows, D J Woolons (Exeter University), K A Edge and J Darling, *Reconfigurable Software Architecture for Fault Diagnosis of Hydraulic Systems*, SERC, £228,513.
School of Pharmacy and Pharmacology: B V L Potter and N F Thomas, *Intracellular Signalling Programme*, AFRC, £119,500.
School of Physics: I H White and R Penty, *Ultra Narrowline High Speed Laser Sources for Advanced Communications Applications*, SERC, £159,334.
School of Social Sciences: A Kerslake, *The Development of Outcome Measured in Child Care*, Department of Health, £105,000.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev James Allison, Curate, St Paul's, Walkden Moor (Manchester): to be Anglican Chaplain at Huddersfield University (Wakefield).
The Rev Dr Thomas Ambrose, Rector, St John's, March: to be Priest-in-charge, Witchford, and Diocesan Communications Officer (Ely).
The Rev Gerald Amos, Priest-in-charge, St Nathaniel, Fazakerley: to be Team Vicar, St Nathaniel, Fazakerley (Liverpool).
The Rev Joy Carroll, Parish Deacon, St James, Hatcham: to be Parish Deacon, Immanuel and St Andrew, Streatham Common (Southwark).
The Rev Canon John Everest, Rector, Worcester City Parish: to be Team Rector of Halesowen (Worcester).
The Rev Frances Hancock: to be Adviser on Women in Ministry (Hereford).
The Rev Anthony Hawley, Team Rector, Kirkby Team Ministry: to be *also* Area Dean of Walton (Liverpool).
The Rev Val Hughes, Assistant Chaplain to Liverpool University and Assistant at St Michael, Garston (Liverpool): to be Minister-in-charge, St Mark, Childwall Valley (Liverpool).
The Rev Rex Hurrell, Team Rector, Swindon New Town Team Ministry: to be *also* Rural Dean of Wroughton (Bristol).
The Rev Jeremy King, Curate, Ashby-de-la-Zouch St Helen w. Coleorton (Leicester): to be Curate, Ledbury; Eastnor; Little Marcle (Hereford).
The Rev Richard Plant, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Skelmersdale: to be Rector, St Thomas, Golbourne (Liverpool).
The Rev Wayne Plimmer, Assistant Curate, St Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde *(Blackburn): to be Vicar, All Saints*, Darton (Wakefield).
The Rev John Prysor-Jones, Curate St Mark, Mitcham (Southwark): to be Vicar, Dudley St Francis (Worcester).
The Rev Beresford Skelton, Priest-in-charge, Bishopwearmouth, St Mary Magdalene, Millfield: to be Vicar, Bishopwearmouth, St Mary Magdalene, Millfield (Durham).
The Rev Canon David Tann, Vicar, Dudley, St James: to be *also* Rural Dean of Dudley (Worcester).
The Rev Stephen Tricklebank, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Wigan: to be full-time Anglican Chaplain to the Aintree Hospital Trust (Liverpool).
The Rev William Watson, Hospital Chaplain, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield (Sheffield): to be Vicar, St Mary, Alveley and St Andrew, Quatt (Hereford).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Alex Booth, Vicar, St Helen, *Hollinfare (Liverpool): to retire as* from May 31.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Imperial War Museum, will visit the American Air Museum in Great Britain at RAF Duxford at 10.45; and, as Member of the Honourable Artillery Company will dine with the Mess Club, Armoury House, at 7.15.

Dinners

Gray's Inn
The Lord Chancellor attended a dinner in Hall given by the Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Sir John Vinelott, and the Masters of the Bench last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:
Lord Oliver of Aylmerton (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Lord Rees-Mogg, Baroness James of Holland Park, Sir Martin Nourse, Sir Claus Moser, Sir David Calcutt, QC, Sir David Williams, Dame Iris Murdoch, Mrs Michael Briggs, Mr Max Hastings, Canon Eric James and Mr David Machin (under-treasurer).

Royal Aeronautical Society
Mr Brian Rowe was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Royal Aeronautical Society held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Mr G.G. Pope, president, was the host. Among those present were:
Sir Michael Bishop, Sir John and Lady Fairclough, Sir Christopher and Lady France, Sir James Hamilton, Air Marshal Sir Frank and Lady Holroyd, Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, Sir Alan and Lady Thomas, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs M K Adams, Professor and Mrs D E N Davies, Mr and Mrs S Gillibrand, Mr and Mrs A W Jones, Mr and Mrs R I Kennett, Dr M K McIntosh, Mrs G G Pope, the Rev Donald Reeves and Mr and Mrs J P Weston.

Industrial Tribunals
Judge Lawrence, President of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, was host last night at a dinner held at the Hurlingham Club for the regional Chairmen of Industrial Tribunals. The Presidents for Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Secretary for England and Wales were among the guests.

Old Mercers' Club
The Hon H.W. Palmer, Master of the Mercers' Company, Mr F.R. Baden-Powell, Upper Warden, Mr D.M. Watney, House Warden, and Mr W.O. Clarke, Renter Warden, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Old Mercers' Club held last night at Mercers' Hall. Mr J.B.T. Bird presided and Mr D.N. Vermont also spoke.

Service dinner

London and Kent Artillery
Colonel D.J. McLelland presided at a dinner of the London and Kent Artillery held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsborough, painter, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, social reformer, Newtown, Powys, 1771; Otto Klemperer, conductor, Breslau, Germany, 1885; Eric Morecambe, comedian, Morecambe, 1926; Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, New York City, *1936*.

DEATHS: Georg Ernst Stahl, chemist, Berlin, 1734; Matthew Gregory Lewis (Monk Lewis), Gothic novelist, at sea, 1818; August Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm, 1912; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, London, 1925; Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, field marshal, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, 1936; Sir William Dobell, painter, 1970.

The victory of the English barons over King Henry III at the battle of Lewes, 1264.

Council of Legal Education

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Additional pass list issued by the council on May 7:
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P. Backhouse and Miss D. Hobbs
The engagement is announced between Richard Paul, youngest son of Mr Tony Backhouse, of Falmouth, Cornwall, and Mrs Phyllida Backhouse, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr Jeffrey Hobbs, of Little Eaton, Derbyshire, and Mrs Pamela Hobbs, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr P.C. Barry and Miss A.C. Reed
The engagement is announced, from Cape Town, between Patrick, son of the late Mr and Mrs Pat Barry, and Angela, daughter of Mr John Reed and the late Mrs Reed.

Mr H.G.K. Broughton and Miss M.I. Ashton
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Ronnie Broughton, of Farnham, Surrey, and Melanie, elder daughter of the late Mr Simon Ashton, CBE, and of Mrs Virginia Ashton, of London, W2.

Mr R.M. Fiddes and Miss A.C.O. Boon
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr Donald Fiddes, and of Mrs Mary Dinneen, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Adelaide, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Boon, of Holcombe Rogus, Somerset.

Mr M.P.B. Gillibrand and Mlle N.C.P. David
The engagement is announced between Max, son of Mr and Mrs Pharic Gillibrand, of Hamilton, Chilworth, Southampton, and Nathalie, daughter of M and Mme Gérard David, of Courbevoie, France.

Mr R.J. Graham-Vivian and Miss C. Trippear
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs H.R. Graham-Vivian, of Manaccan, Cornwall, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Trippear, of Norden, Lancashire.

Mr P.S. Harris and Miss N.L. Daniell
The marriage will take place tomorrow between Paul Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Harris, and Nicola Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Daniell.

Mr T.N.W. Jackson and Miss C. Chizar
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kit Jackson, of Roughlands, Thurstaston, Wirral, and Carrie, daughter of Mrs Grace Chizar, of San Francisco, and Mr Bill Chizar, of Petaluma, California.

Mr G.E.A. King and Miss C.A. Searle
The engagement is announced between Giles Edward Ayliffe, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian King, of Stoke Prior, Worcestershire, and Caroline Ann, only daughter of Captain and Mrs John Searle, of Lindfield, West Sussex.

Mr W.E. Orme and Miss F.K. McFarland
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Charles Orme and the late Mrs Lelia Orme, of Boreston, Devon, and Fiona, daughter of Sir John and Lady McFarland, of Dunmore House, Carrigans, County Donegal.

Mr B. Singh and Miss P. Roscoe-Marks
The engagement is announced between Balbir, eldest son of the late Avtar Singh and of Swarn Kaur, of Walsall, West Midlands, and Paula, youngest daughter of Esther Marks, of Kings Heath, Birmingham.

Marriage

Mr D.P. Charles and Miss R.A. Jackson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 1, at St Brandons Church, Brancepeth, co. Durham, between Mr Dominic Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Charles, of Avesta, Sweden, and Miss Rosemary Jackson, younger daughter of Major and Mrs John Jackson, of Brancepeth. Canon Alan Nugent officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Emma Berry, Miss Dariel Brown, Mrs Stephen Trew and Kirsten Charles. Mr Nicholas Charles was best man.

The reception was held at Brancepeth Castle and the honeymoon is being spent in Sardinia.

China puts its ancient farming past on display

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

CHINA has opened a new museum of prehistory, devoted to one of the country's earliest farming cultures. Unlike such famous displays as the Banpo neolithic village near Xian, however, this one lies outside the traditional heartland of Chinese civilisation, in Zhejiang province south of Shanghai.

The museum commemorates Hemudu, a rice-growing settlement dating to between 5,000 and 6,000 BC, and has been built in Yuyao, a coastal town east of Hangzhou close the the site. Hemudu was waterlogged, as a result of which wood, bone and ivory objects were found in perfect condition. An ivory cup carved with four silkworms, and the pollen of mulberry trees, have led to suggestions that silk was also known.

Probably the most dramatic discovery, however, was more than a hundred tons of rice, "still golden in colour and intact in shape when unearthed", according to Li Yongfei, writing in *China Today*. The cultures of the Yellow River basin in north China, from which the Shang, Zhou, and Qin civilisations emerged, grew millet. For decades it was assumed that southern China was culturally retarded, receiving its stimuli from the more advanced north.

The discovery of Hemudu has been politically important in showing that other parts of China, including the south from which Deng Xiao Ping comes, were as advanced equally early. The museum thus offers an apposite broadening of the origins of Chinese culture.

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When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth: for he will not speak on his own authority, but will speak only what he hears.
St.John 16 : 13

BIRTHS

BARNARD - On May 11th 1993, to Belinda (née Johns) and Simon, a son, Hugo George, a brother for Sam.
BERNARD - On May 11th, to Catherine (née Chubb) and Micheal, a son, Henry Nicolas Peter, a brother for Christopher.
CAMBANIS - On May 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Harriet (née Portyratos) and Leonidas, a daughter, Tianna, a sister for Zannis.
CHANNER - On 3rd May, to Annie and Gervase a son - another brother for Theo, Dorian and Anthony.
CONNOR BARTLETT - On May 12th at the Wellington Hospital, to Michelle and Michael, a beautiful son, William Patrick, a brother for Gemma.
FOOT - On May 11th, to Grace (née Westwater) and Stephen, a son, Harry, a brother for Charlie and Victoria.
GOODING - On May 1st, to Claire (née Hinde) and David, a son, James Gordon John.
KRAMER - On April 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carolyn Baker and to Charles, a son, Geoffrey Stuart, a brother for Emma.
LEAFE - On May 7th, to Caroline (Franklin) and Ken, a daughter, Charlotte Alice, a sister for Emily and Alistair.
MATHEWS - On May 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Bates) and Alan, two very special daughters, Rachel and Tanya.
MURPHY - On 7th May at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Beverley and Robert, a son, Frederick Stuart James.
PARKER - On May 10th, to Sally (née Pugh) and Toby, a son, Edmund, a brother for Anoushka and Montague.
PLIMSOLL - On 11th May in Cape Town, to Belinda (née Jones) and Brian, a son, Charles William, a brother for James.
RUTHERFORD-BROWNE - On 6th May at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane Chantal (née Rickards) and Tim, a wonderful son, Theo Patrick.
SEARIGHT - On May 12th, to Julia (née Warne) and Richard, a son, Edward Rupert Hanbury, a brother for Sophie and Hugh.
STONE - On May 6th, to Shirley and Alan, a son, Robert Charles, a brother for Richard and Julia.
VENABLES - On May 5th 1993, to Rosie (née Grieves-Cook) and Stephen, a son, Edmond Frederick Cuerden, a brother for Oliver.
WILLIAMS - On 5th May, to Isobelle (née Jaques) and Michael, a son Benedict Rhys, a brother for Rhiannon.
WILSON - On 1st May, to Andrew and Penelope, a daughter, Amelia May, a sister for Rose.

DEATHS

ADLEY - Robert James Adley M.P., darling husband of Jane and dear Pa to Simon and Rupert, died peacefully in the Royal Brompton Hospital on May 13th 1993. His family would like to express their sincerest thanks to all the doctors and nurses who cared for him. The funeral will take place at Christchurch Priory at noon on Friday 21st May. Everyone is welcome. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Brompton Hospital League of Friends.
CALLAN - On Saturday May 8th 1993, peacefully, Nancy Rosalind, wife of the late Professor Norman Callan. Beloved mother of Tim and Paddy; greatly loved by her family in England, India and Brazil; and by many friends in Hatfield Broad Oak and elsewhere. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Hatfield Broad Oak at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 18th May. Flowers, or donations to Save the Children Fund, may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow (0279 426990).
CARNEGY - On May 12th 1993, Derek (Chick), Lt. Cdr. R.N. (retd), much loved father of Miles and Angus. Funeral Service at 2.45 pm on 19th May 1993 at The Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to SSAFA, Serle House, Winchester.
CHAMOT - Mary, Art Critic, on 10th May aged 93, peacefully at Wadhurst. Cremation 12.30 pm at Tunbridge Wells on Thursday 20th May. Flowers or donations to C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex, tel: (0435) 882219.
CLEGG - On May 11th, at Ridgeway, nr. Sheffield, Benjamin Beattie (Peter) Clegg M.C. (formerly of Royal Sussex Regt. and The Parachute Regt.) dear father of Michael, Jeremy and Candida. Service at St John's Church, Ridgeway, Friday May 21st at 2.45 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations payable to The Parachute Regt., Benevolent Fund may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield.
DAVIDSON - On May 3rd 1993, tragically in Paris, Iain William, dearly beloved son of Mary and Frederick and husband of Joanna. Funeral Service on Thursday May 20th 2 pm Holy Trinity Church, Walton Road, Aylesbury, followed by cremation at Amersham 3pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the National Asthma Campaign, c/o K.Y. Green, 29 Cambridge St., Aylesbury.
DAWSON - On May 6th, peacefully in Oxfordshire, aged 92, Leonard Digby, a journalist for 70 years. Husband of the late Helena, much loved father of Jill Brookes, and lovingly remembered by Michael, Amanda, Sally and Adam. *The funeral has taken place.*
GREEN - Francis Percy Ellison, husband of the late Kathleen, father of Heather and Sheila, died 11th May 1993, aged 86 years. Cremation private. No flowers please. If wished, donations to Oxfam or SCF.
GREY - Captain Teddy Grey of Garry Gualach, Invergarry, died peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on Wednesday May 12th aged 63, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at the Abbey, Fort Augustus, Tuesday 18th May at 2 pm. R.I.P.
HARVEY - Thomas Wilson, peacefully in hospital on 10th May 1993. Beloved husband of Blyth, much loved brother, uncle, great-uncle and true friend. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Episcopal, Aberfoyle, on Sunday 30th May at 3pm, and in London at a date to be arranged. Donations if you wish, to the Secretary General, The Scottish Episcopal Church, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh for the benefit of St Mary's Episcopal Church, Aberfoyle.
HOGG - On 12th May 1993, peacefully after a long illness, Margaret Wynne, aged 51 years. Beloved wife of Graham and mother of Andrew and Richard. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks, at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 18th May, then to Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, please, but donations to Cancer Treatment & Research Trust, c/o Professor Newlands, Dept. of Medical Onchology, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.
HOUSE - On 12th May 1993 at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Brenda (née Challis). Funeral Service Thursday 20th May at 2.30 pm at All Saints Church, Banstead, followed by committal at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30 pm. No flowers at Brenda's own request, but donations if desired to the Princess Alice Hospice. Enquiries to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd. (081) 642-8211.
IVANYI - On 11th May 1993, in The West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Jocelyn (Artist) aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late Bela Ivanyi. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Alphamstone, on Tuesday 18th May at 1.30 pm.
KENYON - On May 11th 1993, peacefully in the Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton, Marian Kenyon, aged 71 years. Adored wife of Major J. du M. Kenyon, of Newport, Dyfed, much loved mother of Liz, Jenny and Christopher and grandmother of Charles, Timothy and Camilla Liverton and of Hannah, Emma, Lucy and Tom Stevenson. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Saturday May 22nd in St Mary's Church, Newport, Dyfed. Donations, if desired, to the Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham.
MEASOR - On May 12th, following an operation, Oliver aged 87 of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and Bloxham, Banbury. Funeral Service Tuesday May 18th Oxford Crematorium 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to R.N.L.I., Yarmouth, I.O.W., or Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.
ONSLOW formerly Dandridge - On 12th May Dorothy, peacefully at her home in France, wife of John, mother of Sarah and Nicola. Private cremation.
PEEL - On 8th May 1993 in Norwich, Norfolk, Colonel Charles Algernon aged 87 years, late of 3rd Hussars. Husband of the late Kitty and grandfather of Robert and James. Cremation has taken place. Interment of the ashes at St Martin's Church, Nacton, Suffolk, on Sunday June 6th 1993 at 2.30 pm.
PENN - On 10th May 1993 in London, Lt. Col. Sir Eric Penn GCVO, OBE, MC, aged 77. Greatly loved husband of Prue and devoted father of David, Christopher and Fiona. Funeral Service 11.30am on Tuesday 18th May at The Guards Chapel. Family flowers only. It was his wish that there will be no *Memorial Service*.
POWELL - On Monday May 10th 1993, Frank Charles died in Cambridge, aged 87 years, inspiring and witty to the end. Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Loving husband of Irene and father to Francis, Catherine and Ruth. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday May 18th at 3 pm. Donations may be sent to his chosen cause: The Friends of Ely Cathedral, Cambridge.
PRITT - Sylvia Marguerite (Tyl) aged 82. On May 10th very gently at Fornlett Manor, with her family around her. Wife of the late Lyn Pritt. Most wonderful and much loved Mummy of Marlies, Alyson, Annabelle, Michael and Poohdie, loving Granny of Peter, Susannah, Marcus, George, James and Edward. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Monday May 17th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations made payable to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
REEVES - On Tuesday May 11th 1993, peacefully, Cynthia, adored and greatly missed by her children, family and friends. Private family cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St Clement, Sandwich, on Tuesday May 18th at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Pilgrims Hospice, c/o J Dilnot & Sons, Funeral Directors, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 0PD, tel: (0304) 812300.
SARANT - On May 11th in hospital in U.S.A., Isobel Marie Cecilia Menzies. Wife of the late Ray, devoted mother of Pam, Penny, Melody, Peter and Jocky and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service in Farnham. Flowers and enquiries to H.C. Patrick and Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, tel: (0252) 714884.
SATOW - Evelyn Mary: on 9th May 1993, aged 100; lately of Plumtree Hall, Heversham, Cumbria; widow of Graham Satow OBE; greatly loved by her sons Michael, Patrick and Derek, and their families. Cremation has taken place. Donations if desired to The National Trust Lake District Appeal, The Hollens, Grasmere, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9QZ.
STRANGE - On May 10th 1993 aged 97 Mavis. Much loved by family and friends around the world. Funeral Service St Philips Church, Earls Court Road W8, at 12.15 pm Wednesday 19th May. All enquiries please to J H Kenyon. (071) 229-3810.
TRAFFORD - On May 12th, peacefully at his home in Warlingham, Surrey, Dr. Harold Trafford aged 90 years, devoted husband of Diana, dearly loved father of Ian, Kathleen and the late Anthony, Lord Trafford of Falmer and a beloved grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Warlingham, on Thursday May 20th at 11 am followed by cremation. Flowers or if preferred donations to The League of Friends Caterham Dene Hospital, may be sent to B.C. Baker & Son, 15-17 High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill, Surrey, tel: (0883) 343219.
WHEELER - Walstan died suddenly, 30th April 1993, in his home in Sweden. Loving husband of Jennifer and father of Elizabeth, Sorunda, Sweden.
WISHART - On 13th May 1993 at home, Peter Alexander Wishart, much loved husband of Judy, father of Tim, Susie and Jamie and brother of Andrew. Thanksgiving Service at Channelkirk Church, Oxton, on Tuesday 18th May at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Macmillan Nurses.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MEES (MACDONALD/THOMAS) - Sally. Much missed by her daughters and grandchildren. In God we trust.
NOBLE - Joannah (Jo) 14th May 1972 - 24th August 1991, of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Bristol University. To remember your special day.
TWIGGE - Tom died 14th May 1963. I love you Dad.

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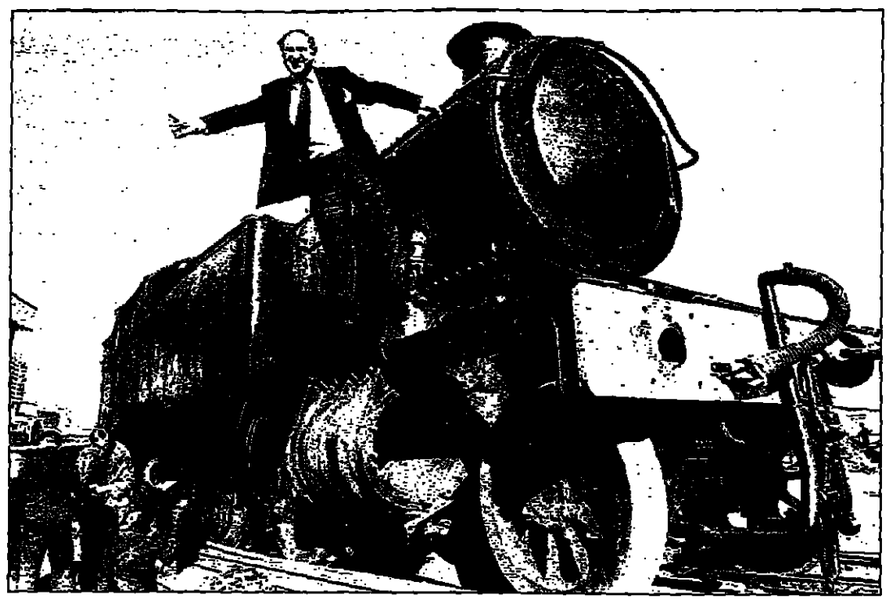
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT ADLEY

Robert Adley, Conservative MP and railways enthusiast, died yesterday in a London hospital, following a heart attack, aged 58. He was born on March 2, 1935.



ROBERT ADLEY made no bones about his main contribution to parliamentary life. "I am a railways fanatic", he admitted. He will, therefore, be remembered chiefly for his obsessional interest in railways and his campaigns against his party's plans for privatisation. This, though, risks giving an incomplete impression of an increasingly independent-minded MP with a capacity to rebel against his party when he thought it necessary.

His father was Harry Adley, co-founder of the Pearl and Dean advertising organisation. Adley had a comfortable, middle-class Jewish childhood and was educated at Falconbury Preparatory School and Uppingham before travelling extensively in the Far East. His main business interest was in hotels but by his early thirties he was seeking a political career. He gained a seat on Slough Council before fighting the solid Labour seat of Birkenhead in 1966. He did sufficiently well there to be selected as candidate for marginal Bristol North-East which he managed to capture in 1970 by 462 votes. This was not enough to guarantee a seat for life and Adley was lucky in that redistribution came to his rescue (his constituency, though retaining its old name, was amalgamated with Bristol Central). He could thus afford to go off with a clear conscience in search of safer pastures.

At the first of the two 1974 general elections he won Christchurch and Lymington with the rather more reassuring majority of 14,634. By the time he died, the constituency — again as a result of boundary changes — had become simply Christchurch, and his 23,000 majority was one of the largest in the country.

In his early years in the House Adley was a dutiful party warrior, never straying from the party line and attempting, not always successfully, to score points off the third Wilson government. This was in contrast to his later, less orthodox attitudes when he was not afraid to support the Chinese government, even backing Chinese requests for Harrier jets on the ground that they were needed to fight Vietnamese aggressors. In 1985 he came out against the views of many of his colleagues on South Africa. When he visited the Republic as the guest of its government he was so concerned by what he witnessed that on his return he attacked it for provoking violence in the townships. He asked the Thatcher government to support the "legitimate views" of the black majority and later called for talks with the African National Congress.

He was against the poll tax, bus deregulation and the impact of the business rate on small companies, and frequently took his opposition into the voting lobbies. What he did support was a properly integrated transport system — and Concorde. His feeling for supersonic jets was a relic of his Bristol days and when Bishop Hugh Montefiore, like Adley a convert from Judaism to the Church of England, tried to kill off Concorde because of the stress its noise caused to the inhabitants of his then suffragan see of Kingston upon Thames, Adley had no hesitation in denouncing him as "the latest in a long line of crackpots".

The truth was that there was always a danger of his being categorised as a mere "rent-a-quote" MP. When he attacked Peter Jay, then the British ambassador in Washington, for seeking to turn the British Information Services office in New York into "a unit of Labour party propaganda" he infallibly hit the headlines, as he also did by accusing Sir Michael Edwardes, then running British Leyland, of adopting "bullying tactics" towards his workforce. He enjoyed being professionally mischievous, too. His long, running fight with Clive Jenkins over his right to belong to the union (ASTMS) Jenkins then led certainly added to the harmless stock of public pleasure, if only because it badly false-footed a rival self-publicist.

But all this activity was subsidiary to his ceaseless support for the railways. They had fascinated him since he was given *The Wonder Book of Trains* when he was three. He admitted that he once diverted an entire parliamentary delegation in China in order to inspect a rare example of the steam train (he had completed a book on his own experiences of steam just before he died). Inevitably he became chairman of the Conservative backbench transport committee and later chairman of the all-party Commons Select Committee on Transport. In these roles he proved one of the most effective opponents of the government's railway strategy.

Although he was not against competition — or some privatisation — he was convinced that the plans for British Rail, which included selling the freight division, creating a new track authority and offering franchises to operators, would not work.

As the privatisation proposals drag their way through Parliament the railways will know that they have lost their most devoted supporter in the Commons. No union-sponsored MP could have done more.

He was married in 1961 to Jane Pople. She survives him, with their two sons.

MAGGIE HEMINGWAY

Maggie Hemingway, novelist, died on May 9 aged 47. She was born on March 17, 1946.

MAGGIE Hemingway's first novel, *The Bridge* (1986), was the winner of the Royal Society of Literature's Winifred Holtby Memorial Prize, awarded for the best regional novel of that year. It was a remarkably assured debut, and heralded the arrival of a promising new talent.

The Bridge was an intricate mélange of fact and fiction. In the early 1980s, Hemingway had become fascinated by the work of the Victorian artist Philip Wilson Steer. Having always been somewhat hidebound in realism, Steer suddenly produced, for a few years at the end of the 1880s, some bold impressionistic masterpieces. Then, just as suddenly, he reverted to tame family portraits.

Steer was a quiet, rather shy man, never quoted in the press of the time, and he left no explanation for this sudden late blossoming. Undaunted by the wall of silence, Hemingway decided that a love affair could be the only answer. *The Bridge* is a fictional account of Steer's enchantment, during a summer holiday in Walberswick, Suffolk, in 1887, with a middle-class woman who is trapped in a loveless marriage to a wealthy London broker. The book was turned into a film — a small budget costume drama — in 1992.

Although Hemingway insisted hers was a work of pure fiction, she was shocked to find, with the release of the film, that art and life were of a piece. Steer's great-grandchildren, whose grandfather was the offspring of the painter's hitherto secret love affair in 1886, introduced themselves to the writer after a showing of the film.

Margaret Joan Hemingway was a very distant relation of her literary namesake, Ernest Hemingway. Her family shared common ancestors in Trondheim, Norway, whence the family had come to England during the Viking invasions.



She was born in Orford, Suffolk, the only child of a medical professor and her early years were spent in Brown's Bay, near Auckland, New Zealand. At the age of nine, her family returned to England and settled in Cambridge. Hemingway attended the local grammar school where she excelled at English and French. After reading English Literature at Edinburgh University, she went into publishing and by the early 1980s was the rights manager of J. M. Dent.

Her ambition, however, was always to write and by the early 1980s she had begun work, in evenings and weekends, on *The Bridge*. The success of this prompted her to give up her job and to concentrate on writing full-time. Hemingway was never a strong woman, and behind a bright and bubbly exterior, lay a morbidly sensitive imagination, sharpened by her own ill health. Her later works departed from the heady romanticism of *The Bridge* and were of a darker hue altogether — intense, sympathetic studies of suffering individuals.

Stop House Blues (1988) — which Hemingway had actually started work on before *The Bridge* but then abandoned — was a macabre tale about urban and rural deprivation. A youth is cast out from his home and brought up by a sadistic aunt. Unable to fend for himself, he is convicted of a crime he did not commit and when he does eventually return "home" it is to a prison, where his father is a warder, to await execution.

Critics found Hemingway's reluctance to name the country in which the action is set somewhat unsettling. Their suggestions ranged from Scotland, America and northern Europe to Hungary and Austria.

However, the critical reception was, overall, favourable to both this and her third novel, *The Postmen's House* (1990). Inspired by her trips to Czechoslovakia, this centred on a husband and wife who escape to London from post-war Prague. Hemingway's short, sometimes verbless sentences and literary mannerisms occasionally grated, but just as often she was capable of a phrase of great power and originality.

Her last work, *Eyes*, to be published in July this year, examines, through a series of four interlocking stories, the morality of non-intervention in the face of evil. The "eyes" here are the watchers in life — people who see evil going on around them, but do nothing to stop it.

Once again, Hemingway took her cue from a Victorian figure — here Robert Browning's poem *My Last Duchess* was the inspiration for the first story, her study of a villainous Venetian duke. The other stories are, respectively, set in 19th-century peasant France, London between the wars, and Devon in the 1950s, where an apparently harmless woman, the backbone of the local Women's Institute, murders two of her neighbours.

Hemingway was separated from her husband, and had two daughters, who survive her. For the last ten years of her life she was the close companion of the composer David Matthews, dividing her time between their homes in Deal and London. Inspired by her poetry, Matthews wrote music to accompany some of her verse: *Cantiga* and the song cycle from *The Coastal Stations*.

CAPTAIN JOHN TREASURE JONES

Captain John Treasure Jones, the last master of the Cunard liner *Queen Mary*, died at Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, on May 12 aged 87. He was born in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, on August 18, 1905.

A LONG career at sea, beginning in a Cardiff tramp steamer and including being sunk in the second world war, culminated for John Treasure Jones in the last voyage of the *Queen Mary* in 1967. By that time the magnificent three-funnel 81,000-ton Cunard liner, once holder of the Atlantic Blue Riband, was already a creature of a former era. In the 33 years of her working life thousands of pounds had been gambled in her smoke room. Her vast promenade lounge, with its splendid grotesqueries of marble fire place, velvet drapes and onyx Grecian urns had seen the rich, the royal and the otherwise famous, tango to the music of its dance band. But by the egalitarian Sixties air travel had turned her into an unaffordable luxury. The frenetic pace of modern business could no longer tolerate four days and more spent on what could be accomplished in seven hours.

For her master it was the end of the line, too, as a seagoing mariner. When the *Queen Mary* was sold to the Californian city of Long Beach, as a floating hotel, he came onshore and into retirement.

John Treasure Jones was one of eight children, the son of a Welsh hay and corn merchant. But there was a strong maritime tradition in the family, as with so many West Wales families. His maternal grandfather had skippered a windjammer and three uncles had also done sea time.

At 16 Treasure Jones was apprenticed as a deck-hand on a tramp steamer sailing out of Cardiff in the years immediately following the first world war. Conditions in such vessels were grim and life was tough. Moving to Newcastle he took his second mate's certificate and joined the White Star line. But when the Depression descended he found himself out of a berth and was forced to go back home and work on the land. After that he went to Liverpool where he worked as assistant superintendent stevedore in the docks.

By the time he was able to get back to sea in 1937 his old company, White Star, had been merged with Cunard and he served in its big ships. During the war all liners were pressed into service either as troopships or armed merchant cruisers. The latter suffered heavy losses as they vainly — and often valiantly — tried to engage German surface raiders or, without proper Asdic apparatus, fell victim to U-boats. Treasure Jones was serving in the Cunard liner *Laurentic*, then doing convoy escort duty as HMS *Laurentic*, when she was torpedoed off the aptly-named Bloody Foreland, Donegal, in November 1940. He spent ten hours in the water before he was rescued. Once recovered, he went back to convoy escort duties and ended the war in command of the 49th Escort Group.

Returning to Cunard after the war, Treasure Jones was master first of the *Media* and then of the *Saxonia*. In the latter he gave a demonstration of his superb seamanship during a strike of Canadian tugmen, when he took her out of Montreal and into the St Lawrence Seaway without assistance. In 1962 he was given command of the *Mauretania* and captained her until 1965. He was her last master, too. When she arrived back at Southampton on November 10, 1965, it was the end for her of 27 seagoing years during which she had steamed more than three million nautical miles. No such reprieve as the *Queen Mary*'s was available to her, and she finished up in a Firth of Forth scrapyard.

There followed one round trip across the Atlantic in command of Cunard's flagship the *Queen Elizabeth*, before Treasure Jones became master of the *Queen Mary* for the last two years of her working life. In August 1966 he coaxed her to her fastest crossing of the Atlantic since the Blue Riband passage of 1938, when the *Queen Mary* averaged 29.68 knots over four days and three hours. It was a remarkable achievement for her, by then, 32-year-old boilers and steam turbines.

Her final round trip in September 1967 was an affair of unashamed nostalgia, with the Countess of Brecknock, the film mogul Michael Havas and Princess Maria d'Ardia Carraciolo among her passengers. In the following month Treasure Jones sailed the *Queen Mary* to her final resting place at Long Beach, where to this day she remains as a tourist attraction and hotel.

He retired in August 1968 to his home in Hampshire, but not before he had seen his daughter, Susan, married, an occasion for which Cunard lent him the main lounge of the *Queen Elizabeth* for the bride's reception.

John Treasure Jones leaves his widow, three sons and a daughter.



HANS SAHL

Hans Sahl, German-born chronicler of life in exile during the Nazi period, died in Tübingen on April 27 aged 90.

FOR many years the work of Hans Sahl was scarcely known in his native Germany. Fleeing Nazi persecution of the Jews, he arrived in New York in 1941 and made a living translating American authors into German. But he wrote his own powerful novel of exile *Die Wenigen und die Vielen* (The Few and the Many) in 1957.

The autobiographical volumes, *Memoiren eines Moralisten* (Memoirs of a Moralist), began appearing in 1980. They had no great readership in Germany but after meeting his second wife, Ute, Sahl moved back to the country of his birth. His works began to attract more attention and he received the Goethe medal in 1991.

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A long account of the death of a president of a far distant country appears to be space filling. However, there was considerable British money invested in Haiti and The Times *considered it its duty to keep the City informed of any events which might injure its interests there.*

"The concourse of people was immense, and the lamentations unceasing; the women, in particular, screeched and howled, clasping their hands as if they had been frantic.

"It is a curious circumstance that he has died voluntarily, which, indeed, was suspected by some about him from the beginning of his sickness, which only lasted eight days, from his constantly refusing all kinds of medicine and nourishment, and even water; or if he did take any thing, it was at the pressing solicitations of those who surrounded him, but he spat it out again: and he preserved to the last that calmness and serenity of mind for which he was so remarkable through life — expiring without a groan or a struggle. His body has been opened, and found as sound as that of any man; no indications of any disorder whatever, and the physicians do not hesitate in declaring that he died of inanition!

What may have been the cause is yet a mystery. He had frequently been heard to say that he wished himself dead; for that with all his study to render the people happy and prosperous, some were still dissatisfied, and made his life a torment. About a fortnight ago a man was taken up about the palace, who, it appears, intended to assassinate him; but, from what has transpired, I deem it most likely that he was a madman."

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Cambridge pulls away in the league table

John O'Leary concludes his guide to universities with an examination of evolution and revolution in education

Stability has always been one of the enduring virtues of the British university system. The institutions may have been criticised for changing too slowly, but applicants and employers have always known what they were getting.

When the polytechnics joined the university club last year in the midst of a period of unprecedented expansion for higher education as a whole, it seemed that evolution might have given way to revolution. There would be almost 100 universities, many with unfamiliar names and courses. But the latest rankings for *The Good University Guide* suggest that the system has survived the shock with ease. Most universities are in similar positions to those they occupied last October, when less up-to-date figures were available. Many of the changes have more to do with the way the figures have been compiled than any variation in performance.



High marks: graduates at Imperial College, London

Far more universities agreed to check the figures used to compile this year's table. Only 11 of the 96 refused, although many of those who did co-operate still registered their opposition to league tables. The result should be a more reliable picture.

There were two other important changes, which preclude direct comparisons with last October's rankings. The weightings have been changed in response to criticism from the new universities that too much emphasis was being placed on research, and the indicator of teaching quality has been removed because there have been no adequate comparisons yet of universities throughout the new system.

For the moment, however, a first attempt to assess "value added" has taken its place. This has given credit to universities which have modest entry requirements, but still produce a high proportion of first-class degrees and offer good employment prospects for graduates. Many new universities have shown up well on this criterion, although it was a technological university which came out on top: Bradford. Its sandwich courses and predominance of science and technology give its students a good start in the jobs market, and gave the university comfortably the best rating.

Almost every indicator will put some university at a disadvantage: geographical position may make it difficult to recruit overseas students, the academic profile may make professional qualifications more appropriate than PhDs. The large number of indicators included in the *The Times* table is intended to smooth out such unevenness.

The new universities are the most vociferous opponents of this approach, but arts-based institutions may also be disadvantaged. Although they generally benefit in our calculations from higher entry standards than those in the sciences, their research income is invariably lower, staffing levels higher and their proportion of first-class degrees traditionally more modest.

Universities such as Essex, Exeter, Kent and East Anglia all have a high reputation in the arts and social sciences, but do not appear in the top third in our table. The London School of Economics and Durham might both have expected to be higher.

The long lead-times involved in most changes in higher education made it inevitable that most of the new universities would remain below their older counterparts in our table, although a few former polytechnics have again moved into the traditional universities' territory. At the very top, however, matters are more clear-cut. Cambridge has pulled ahead of Oxford after the two were effectively bracketed together last October.

The placing reflects the outcome of the funding council's research assessment exercise last December, in which Cambridge was by far the most successful university. Cambridge also scores on its staffing levels, although the tables are turned on employment prospects and income from research and consultancy.

Imperial College, London, is much the closest challenger, followed by University College and Edinburgh almost together. The continuing strength of London University is demonstrated in the entry for the whole institution, which is included as a guide for students considering colleges that are not ranked separately.

At the foot of the table are some of the new universities which take most pride in their open access policies. Derby, at the very bottom, was the last university to be created and the only one not to have been a polytechnic. Nevertheless, it has made enormous strides in the last year: new courses, further building and extra staff will all improve its position in future rankings.

There is no suggestion in *The Times* guide that those appearing low down the rankings are poor universities. All the information collected in the course of the exercise points to the high standard of British institutions. But in a system of 96 universities, there is bound to be variation. Applicants and employers want a route map and the rankings are intended to perform that service.

BRITAIN'S UNIVERSITIES - DEGREES OF EXCELLENCE

	Entry grades	Student/staff ratio	R&D income	PhDs, Staff qualifications	Professional	Library spending	Student accommodation	Completion rates	Firsts	Research	Value added	Postgraduates	Employment	International students	Total
WEIGHTING	100	100	90	35	25	100	55	100	65	90	100	20	100	20	1,000
1 Cambridge	99	99	73	34	5	96	54	99	64	89	52	19	38	17	840
2 Oxford	99	75	87	18	5	99	52	94	63	87	55	17	56	16	825
3 Imperial	93	97	89	35	5	93	35	65	64	86	54	18	55	19	804
4 UCL	80	90	85	34	5	88	26	46	60	87	77	18	57	18	772
4 Edinburgh	93	97	79	18	7	81	30	71	61	82	66	15	60	14	772
6 Birmingham	88	97	67	34	21	73	30	66	35	71	80	17	60	11	769
7 Warwick	81	77	70	30	10	56	51	72	50	84	66	19	56	15	748
7 York	90	96	70	31	7	59	52	80	44	77	60	15	56	6	740
9 Nottingham	94	50	70	28	5	67	39	80	43	77	73	16	74	11	734
10 Leeds	80	90	72	34	5	71	34	94	42	65	72	12	41	13	724
10 Bristol	96	77	65	30	5	72	30	86	50	71	64	8	48	14	724
10 Bath	91	90	61	24	9	78	26	46	62	80	61	16	75	14	724
10 London	72	99	84	34	9	96	30	20	53	77	74	18	36	19	724
14 Southampton	88	73	72	26	15	83	25	65	56	70	65	15	48	10	709
14 Loughborough	72	90	59	31	11	64	51	80	58	60	50	16	60	10	709
14 Kings	72	91	83	18	11	74	21	39	62	75	61	16	69	18	709
14 LSE	97	15	57	15	5	97	25	94	35	90	67	20	67	20	709
18 Newcastle	74	73	66	15	10	84	36	61	45	70	59	13	64	11	702
18 Sheffield	88	90	67	21	6	60	53	71	39	71	54	15	55	15	702
18 Manchester	89	90	67	26	8	70	36	30	35	82	74	9	72	7	702
18 R Holloway	57	90	60	30	5	86	42	60	53	74	73	5	35	9	702
22 Durham	95	41	57	9	5	92	52	98	39	77	59	7	61	5	700
23 Sussex	57	23	88	28	11	94	37	71	49	78	72	15	41	16	679
24 Glasgow	86	73	79	26	5	75	25	26	43	60	80	10	59	11	660
24 St Andrew	83	42	49	26	6	79	48	71	54	75	53	9	49	14	660
26 Liverpool	80	90	70	34	10	53	30	39	41	63	70	16	52	7	655
27 Lancaster	75	49	52	20	5	53	44	80	29	61	64	15	48	16	651
27 Surrey	48	49	76	23	10	46	50	63	56	66	53	19	76	16	651
27 Strathclyde	64	57	63	21	13	53	16	86	49	59	61	14	63	12	651
27 UMIST	80	41	76	34	15	31	32	46	57	83	61	16	61	16	651
31 Aberdeen	57	21	66	23	13	68	42	98	59	50	64	11	47	12	647
31 Reading	40	92	64	34	5	59	38	39	41	61	90	18	54	14	647
31 Q Mary	57	15	66	26	5	78	30	71	53	69	65	12	58	19	647
34 Brunel	64	57	66	16	8	76	40	39	39	53	61	20	70	14	643
35 Exeter	82	90	45	20	5	53	44	52	35	65	57	15	65	7	638
36 Leicester	64	51	69	31	13	65	46	60	18	60	50	16	36	12	632
37 UWC Cardiff	64	73	54	26	13	70	34	39	37	50	79	16	51	14	622
37 E Anglia	76	73	61	23	5	65	42	52	35	65	58	16	37	15	622
39 Stirling	64	36	45	25	9	55	50	66	56	57	76	13	54	17	619
39 Swansea	57	90	43	30	8	48	40	73	26	55	75	9	49	12	619
41 Essex	57	57	53	28	5	82	46	47	42	52	50	11	36	19	615
42 Kent	65	49	58	13	5	66	44	90	49	50	56	11	36	19	610
42 Salford	57	49	55	24	15	54	50	32	58	38	77	9	53	18	610
44 Dundee	58	63	80	22	14	63	35	39	46	50	59	11	58	10	601
44 Belfast	72	93	40	30	8	53	17	71	11	40	82	8	62	7	601
46 Aston	73	10	46	28	5	90	42	63	49	54	54	13	56	8	591
47 Bradford	42	36	51	23	14	44	25	40	45	43	99	13	78	15	573
48 Goldsmiths	57	57	36	18	5	59	32	53	53	41	96	7	59	9	568
49 Aber'with	48	60	43	23	7	91	38	63	10	45	76	13	35	12	564
50 Keele	57	73	45	19	5	63	54	41	17	42	72	19	36	18	557
50 Buckingham	23	90	19	5	5	95	47	63	35	22	52	6	76	20	557
52 City	72	57	52	12	15	45	25	14	49	53	63	19	57	15	556
52 Hull	66	14	56	23	8	43	47	80	17	38	66	15	53	18	550
54 Lampeter	40	33	28	14	6	90	48	90	10	37	74	5	42	5	525
54 Heriot-Watt	45	63	78	14	13	33	30	14	53	63	59	10	51	8	525
56 West of Eng	72	49	40	20	23	29	19	39	28	33	72	6	59	8	520
57 DeMontfort	24	75	31	10	16	36	15	86	36	15	78	5	76	5	508
57 Middlesex	40	19	40	16	25	31	10	63	37	29	96	7	82	17	506
59 Bangor	34	31	59	24	9	81	34	46	35	43	47	12	35	9	500
60 Ucentfc	44	73	31	13	22	25	21	63	25	11	76	8	67	5	488
61 Portsmouth	44	39	31	11	20	41	10	52	24	20	60	10	69	9	436
62 Manch Met	34	58	15	11	21	41	11	12	26	25	88	8	76	5	431
62 Hertfordshire	26	31	19	17	23	28	45	26	22	19	80	8	75	5	431
62 Notts Trent	40	49	23	12	23	28	19	63	30	11	52	5	71	5	431
65 Leeds Met	40	73	13	15	21	36	40	27	29	20	50	6	73	5	414
66 Ulster	42	36	28	5	11	42	10	39	30	44	82	5	39	15	414
67 Coventry	23	16	39	5	20	19	18	82	11	33	82	5	39	10	400
67 Westminster	15	73	16	8	21	14	40	12	10	39	84	15	79	8	400
69 Southbank	23	13	25	9	18	36	10	64	10	34	66	10	70	5	392
69 Ox Brookes	48	21	31	7	22	11	26	26	21	26	56	10	74	8	392
69 Greenwich	10	10	32	5	13	22	14	90	13	24	91	8	54	5	392
69 Brighton	31	73	13	18	21	10	15	19	10	29	72	5	67	8	392
73 Plymouth	23	57	37	7	20	23	10	26	12	36	64	8	56	5	384
74 Huddersfield	10	31	10	11	17	21	11	97	10	23	73	5	56	5	379
74 Liverpool JMU	26	21	27	16	21	38	10	52	21	11	58	5	64	6	379
74 Napier	23	24	17	12	23	48	10	29	25	11	67	13	71	5	379
77 Sunderland	10	31	24	5	16	10	17	96	17	22	53	5	45	5	357
78 Guildhall	23	31	26	20	24	10	14	12	17	18	62	5	64	11	337
78 Kingston	31	10	10	5	13	12	22	12	26	37	79	8	60	5	337
80 Northumbriand	31	33	10	5	19	25	12	26	21	30	65	5	48	5	335
80 Robert G's	15	22	13	4	21	10	19	46	19	16	76	5	65	5	335
80 Sheff Hallam	23	11	27	5	17	10	10	12	17	35	81	5	73	5	335
83 Glamorgan	10	90	10	9	16	10	19	15	22	12	55	5	49	6	329
84 Staffs	10	39	12	7	22	22	37	21	10	11	57	5	57	5	326
85 Humberside	10	10	16	5	15	18	10	91	10	11	56	5	50	9	317
86 Glasgow Cal	31	80	16	8	17	16	10	12	18	10	69	5	37	5	311
87 Thames Valley	10	49	10	6	17	10	10	18	10	15	68	5	64	16	308
88 Anglia	16	31	14	10	24	15	22	12	13	11	57	5	69	5	303
89 Paisley	10	31	26	8	16	28	11	12	10	11	61	5	56	5	294
90 Wolves	15	10	11	3	24	41	11	12	10	18	80	5	42	9	291
91 C Lancashire	32	10	30	5	18	10	14	29	17	11	56	5	38	5	280
91 Teesside	10	10	18	5	22	10	34	12	10	29	65	8	45	5	280
91 N London	10	21	10	5	16	21	10	12	28	32	58	5	51	6	280
94 E London	15	10	10	6	24	10	10	18	36	11	63	9	35	14	270
95 Bournemouth	31	21	10	5	16	10	10	12	10	14	50	5	48	5	246
96 Derby	10	10	10	5	14	14	11	18	10	11	59	5	30	5	212

Pass or fail? The experts' verdict



Tim Boswell, minister for higher education

"The *Times*' guide provides a service in giving students, parents and other interested parties information about universities. It is a vibrant and diverse sector. All institutions have their strengths and weaknesses, and the more information made available about them the better."



David Harrison, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals

"League tables combining many indicators to produce a so-called over-all league table of excellence do a disservice to students and universities because they assume to know what all students want. Students are adults and should therefore make up their own minds."



Baroness Perry, vice-chancellor of South Bank University

"I would prefer a Good Hotel-style guide to league tables. Students need description to help them make a fully informed choice. The danger of league tables is that the criteria upon which they are based will quickly determine the nature of the system."



Sir David Williams, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University

"Any league table which is respectable in its aims and intentions is bound to make a university look carefully at its results. It is a form of public exposure where, perhaps, there was none before. But not all a university's values are necessarily reflected in tables."

How the university rankings figures were reached

Professor Tom Cannon (right) explains the methods used to draw up his tables of excellence



A number of indicators of university life are used in *The Times* guide. Although 14 are published in the table, several are derived from two or three sub-sets of data. The first step in identifying the raw data was a detailed search through existing sources. Once this process was completed, the estimates were sent to all the universities involved to give them the chance to check the information. In all cases, revisions requested by the university were made.

Each measure has a specific meaning. The admission standards indicator is based on the entry qualifications of undergraduates entering degree courses in 1991. It converts A-level, Scottish Higher and, where possible, other formal entry requirements into points. The institutional figure is based either on the average of the main subject clusters or degree course by degree course figures. Several universities pointed out that their pattern of entry was not fairly represented as they used access courses and non-traditional qualifications far more than A-levels or similar.

The staff student/ratio measures the number of staff available per student. This is built up from three primary sources: the average staff/student ratio by subject cluster, figures culled from institutional plans for reviews, and estimates of the overall institutional position. All figures are based on staff and student numbers for 1990/91.

The measure for research, development and other consultancy income is built from two sub-sets of data. First, the total, annualised research income from research councils and medical charities; and second, the total annualised research income from all other sources divided by the number of full-time academic staff.

The staff-with-PhDs indicator measures the proportion of staff with this type of qualification. A complementary measure of the percentage of staff with professional qualifications is included. All these figures refer to 1991/92.

The data for 1990/91 on library expenditure includes books, periodicals, other documents and staff but excludes capital or premises costs.

The accommodation indicator is based on the amount of property, owned, leased or managed by the institution in 1991/92, including long-term contracts held by institutions with local authorities. The figure for completion rates is based on the proportion of full-time, first degree students who completed their studies in 1990/91. It excludes those who are unsuccessful or those for whom no information is available. The column titled Firsts looks at one aspect of the overall performance of students.

The continuing importance of research is well illustrated by the decision of all but one of the new universities to participate in the research assessment exercise undertaken by the Higher Education Funding Council. This measure is based on the ranking of the overall performance of institutions published in *The Times* in December 1992.

The most common demand placed on universities is to demonstrate how they can add value to their students. Many questions can be asked about this. For example, how much value is added to someone's life by a highly selective, well-funded and high achieving university such as Oxford? How can you assess the performance of Oxford graduates against those of an institution which accepts students with lower qualifications? *The Times* tackles this by relating the entry qualification to a measure constructed from completion rates, Firsts and employment figures for the year of graduation. There are significant problems in building an accurate picture of the entry standards of students graduating in 1991. It is anticipated that these will reduce steadily over time, as the reporting systems of the unitary system become more consistent and stable. The employment figure used in this analysis is derived from the same data employed later in the guide.

Graduate students add a distinct set of interests and values to a university. This ranking incorporates all students following courses which normally require a First degree or equivalent for entry. The calculation is based on the proportion of the student population involved in graduate studies during the academic year 1991/92.

The employment ranking is built by combining information on the percentage of graduates in permanent employment within six months of graduation, the proportion of graduates unemployed within six months of graduation and the extent to which some go on to research and further study. The proportion going on to permanent employment is given the greatest weighting.

International students are defined as all non-UK students following full-time graduating degree courses at the university. They include exchange students but not visiting students or those taking short courses.

It should be stressed that *The Times* tabulation is constructed from a set of individual rankings. In some cases this can exaggerate differences. This approach is used because the raw data ranges from cash, to percentages, to points based on entry qualification. Some measures are based on rankings published elsewhere. This approach allows a consistent unit of measurement and the incorporation of as many factors as possible to give a profile of the UK university. *The Times* is open to the inclusion of other measures and is pressing for more, better and diverse data to be placed in the public domain.

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UNIVERSITY GUIDE

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John O'Leary looks at who's up and who's down among the various types of university

REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES: TOP 20

Research strengths

The leading civic universities reassert their authority in our new ranking of English provincial institutions. With Oxford and Cambridge discounted together with the London colleges, the all-round strength of Birmingham places it at the top.

The group of 1960s campus universities which scored so heavily in October are still near the top of the pile, but more civic universities have corrected their entries this time, and have tended to move up as a result. The funding council's assessment of their research has also worked to their advantage.

Warwick, York and Bath remain in the top ten in the main table, underlining the strength of the institutions known as the new universities before the polytechnics joined the club. Sussex also finishes in the top quarter.

Birmingham's dramatic climb is largely a reflection of its research record, which saw ten departments awarded maximum ratings in December's assessments, and a staffing level that is bettered only by Cambridge and London. The university's international reputation is clear from the presence of 100 different nationalities among the student body.

Nottingham and Leeds have also moved up the table after a good showing in the official research rankings. Leeds is well staffed and has one of the top completion rates, while Nottingham is generally seen as one of the rising stars of the university system. It was rated of international standing for research in 11 different subjects, and boasts the largest number of applications per place in the country.

Bristol appears to have emerged relatively unscathed from severe financial difficulties at the start of the decade, and has now entered a new phase of development. It has the highest entry standards among the provincial universities and a large proportion of first-class degrees for a university with a broad spread of subjects.

As in our first rankings, both Southampton and Loughborough are highly placed. Loughborough does particularly well on its external income for research and consultancy; Southampton has high entry standards and healthy library budgets.

Several of the traditional universities also did well on the new indicator of value-added, which seemed to favour those with a technological slant. Both Reading and Brunel owe their placing in the top 20 provincial universities to their success on this measure.

Within London, a familiar pecking order is repeated, although the London School of Economics suffers for its social science base. Imperial College has a clear lead in the capital, followed by University College, both of which have top five placings in the main table.

1.	Birmingham
2.	Warwick
	York
4.	Bath
	Bristol
	Leeds
	Nottingham
8.	Loughborough
	Southampton
10.	Manchester
	Newcastle
	Sheffield
13.	Durham
14.	Sussex
15.	Liverpool
16.	Lancaster
	Surrey
	UMIST
19.	Reading
20.	Brunel

The new standard bearers

TOP 20: NEW UNIVERSITIES

1.	West of England
2.	De Montfort
	Middlesex
4.	Central England
5.	Portsmouth
6=.	Hertfordshire
6=	Manchester Metro'lin
6=	Nottingham Trent
9.	Leeds Metropolitan
10.	Coventry
11.	Westminster
12=	Brighton
12=	Greenwich
12=	Oxford Brookes
12=	South Bank
16.	Plymouth
17=	Huddersfield
17=	Liverpool John Moores
17=	Napier
20.	Sunderland



Three cheers: the new universities, such as Middlesex, scored high on popularity

The new universities' ranking is perhaps the most controversial and problematic section of *The Good University Guide*. Many vice-chancellors suggested different measures by which to judge their institutions, and several refused point-blank to check the accuracy of the original figures.

Among the entries that could not be verified are those for North London and Brighton, Leeds and Manchester metropolitan universities, and Anglia Polytechnic University. Leeds was the most highly placed of the new universities in last October's ranking, and may have suffered in the new table. The top-placed new universities today all checked their figures, even if they opposed the exercise on principle.

Dr Peter Knight, vice-chancellor of the University of Central England, at Birmingham, for example, was one of the sternest critics, but his university appears among the leading former polytechnics.

At their head, and 56th overall, is the University of the West of England, at Bristol, which also did well last October. In spite of a commitment to open access for mature students, the former Bristol Polytechnic's popularity with all age groups results in by far the highest entry standards of the new universities. More importantly, its employment record is the best in the entire university system.

Of the other highly-placed new universities, De Montfort scores heavily on its completion rate, although Greenwich, Humberside, and particularly Sunderland and Huddersfield do even better. De Montfort also has the best staffing level, followed jointly by Central England, Leeds Metropolitan, Brighton and Westminster.

The new universities also benefit from the inclusion of professional qualifications among the indicators. Many of their more vocational courses do not require lecturers with PhDs, but high scores in the professional category confirm that universities such as Teesside, Wolverhampton and East London are still well staffed.

Unsurprisingly, the new universities fall down in high-cost areas such as library spending and student accommodation. Their rapid expansion over the past year has made it difficult for student facilities to keep pace. High concentrations of home-based students make residential provision less relevant in some urban institutions, although others arespending heavily on new buildings.

SCOTLAND: TOP TEN

Heavily in demand

Edinburgh remains clearly the leading university in Scotland. Indeed, nowhere outside Oxbridge and the two leading London colleges can match its performance on the criteria used in *The Good University Guide*.

The main challengers north of the border cannot be separated, however. Glasgow and St Andrews have exactly the same score, with Strathclyde and Aberdeen not far behind. All appear in the top third of the overall table.

Only Paisley and Glasgow Caledonian fail to appear in the separate table of Scottish universities. Both suffer in comparisons with the traditional universities in areas such as research ratings and the proportions of postgraduates and overseas students.

As in England, some of the new universities argued that different indicators would have been more appropriate to their missions, although only Napier refused to check the data used to compile the rankings. Napier's position should be regarded as approximate because the university would say only that its entry was inaccurate.

The position of the Scottish universities has changed significantly in the last year, with the establishment of a separate funding council. The move has also encouraged the Scottish university principals to look more closely at their own part of the higher education system.

More than 100,000 students were in higher education north of the border last year, with a much larger proportion than in England taking full-time or sandwich courses. This year the numbers are even greater, although this expansion is expected to slow down in the autumn.

Scottish universities attract more students than their English counterparts into the sciences, but the principals are now committed to modernising their teaching methods, making more use of educational technology. A report published by the principals earlier in the year raised the prospect of courses being taught electronically.

For the moment, however, the more traditional universities continue to dominate. The all-round strengths of Glasgow and St Andrews are reflected in high entry standards, good employment prospects and generous library expenditure. Aberdeen scores heavily on its completion rate, which is one of the best in Britain.

None of them can match Edinburgh's record, however. The university is emerging from a period of financial difficulty with its courses still heavily in demand, good staffing levels and an enviable research record. Sir David Smith departs as principal with Edinburgh still firmly at the top of the tree.

1.	Edinburgh
2.	Glasgow
	St Andrews
4.	Strathclyde
5.	Aberdeen
6.	Stirling
7.	Dundee
8.	Heriot-Watt
9.	Napier
10.	Robert Gordon

WALES: TOP FIVE

Expanding rapidly

Although there are now two universities in Wales, six institutions appear in *The Good University Guide*. Five colleges of the University of Wales are included with the new Glamorgan University.

Glamorgan's promotion prompted a bout of separatism in some colleges, which threatened to break up the federal university for a time. The advantages of a university title almost outweighed any sense of loyalty to the parent body which, with 25,000 students, is second only to London in size.

Eventually, however, a settlement was reached, and the university could celebrate its centenary without further controversy. The change in the colleges' situation came instead with the creation of a single Welsh higher education system, with its own funding council.

The five colleges are bunched around the centre of our league table, with Cardiff narrowly heading Swansea. The College of Medicine is excluded because it is not a multi-faculty institution.

Swansea is highly rated for its staffing levels and completion rates. Cardiff spends more on its library, although still not as much per student as Aberystwyth or St David's, Lampeter.

Glamorgan inevitably has ground to make up on measures such as research and the proportion of staff with PhDs, although its staffing levels are among the most generous of the new universities.

The colleges are diversifying as they expand. Bangor, for example, is encouraging more students without the traditional A-level qualifications, running franchised courses in the further education colleges of north Wales. Swansea is also growing rapidly, with a target of 10,000 students compared to the present 7,500 by the end of the century.

1.	Cardiff
2.	Swansea
3.	Aberystwyth
4.	Lampeter
5.	Bangor

Schools' fair beckons

NEW DIRECTIONS WEEK 93

Parents can learn more about higher education options and the range of career choices available to children at The Schools' Fair, which runs from Wednesday June 30 to Friday July 2.

The Fair, organised by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, will offer guidance for school-leavers on opportunities in training, higher education and employment. More than 250 exhibitors are already booked, including 140 universities and colleges. Special sessions are planned for a late opening Parent's Night on Wednesday June 30, covering the completion of university application forms, taking a year out and higher education course choices.

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NEWS

Fines U-turn takes heat off Major

■ Kenneth Clarke promised to scrap the discredited system of income-related fines in a spectacular U-turn only a week after pledging his support. The magnitude of the reverse took the Commons by surprise, but the move was immediately hailed by ministers as the start of a government fightback.

Backbenchers welcomed the decision and John Major will today cite the climbdown as evidence of his determination to focus on law and order..... **Pages 1, 2**

Shipbuilders call in the receivers

■ More than 6,000 workers on Tyneside are waiting to find out how long their jobs will last as receivers moved into Swan Hunter. Only 48 hours after the company was told it had been undercut in its bid to build a £170 million helicopter landing ship, the directors gave up the fight ..... **Page 1**

Anti-bugging law

Legislation to outlaw the use of surveillance equipment on private property will be announced later this year by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, in the wake of the royal bugging saga..... **Page 1**

Sanctions plea

The Russian government wants the UN gradually to lift sanctions against Serbia if Belgrade continues to back the Vance-Owen plan, foreign minister Andrei Kozyrev, said **Pages 1, 11**

Light blues ahead

Cambridge University has opened a clear lead over its ancient rival at Oxford in *The Times'* second league table of universities, which is published today..... **Page 1**

The Times guide, pages 18, 19

Child hostages

A masked man armed with a revolver and claiming to have a bomb took hostage a classroom of two and three-year olds at Neuilly-sur-Scene, an affluent western Parisian suburb, demanding 100 million francs (£12 million) to "avoid a tragedy"..... **Page 8**

Health tax

Hillary Clinton and her advisers are to recommend a large new payroll tax to finance the reform of America's health care system in what promises to lead up to the most difficult political battle facing the Clinton administration so far ..... **Page 10**

Thatcher praised

Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, drew enthusiastic applause from the Scottish Conservative conference with a reference to Baroness Thatcher's "inspired" leadership ..... **Page 7**

£85,000 libel

Dr Paul MacLoughlin was awarded libel damages of £85,000 in the High Court from Dr Gordon Kells, a Harley Street colleague who waged a ten-year hate campaign against him..... **Page 5**

Growing problem

Thousands of farmers are struggling to complete scores of detailed forms by tomorrow for the biggest agricultural census since the Domesday Book..... **Page 6**

Andreotti vote

The parliamentary immunity from prosecution of Giulio Andreotti was waived day as Italian senators voted for an investigation into charges of collusion with the Mafia..... **Page 8**

Busy birthday

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, spent a busy 49th birthday entertaining Baroness Thatcher, fielding insults from the Chinese press, and facing the Legislative Council ..... **Page 9**

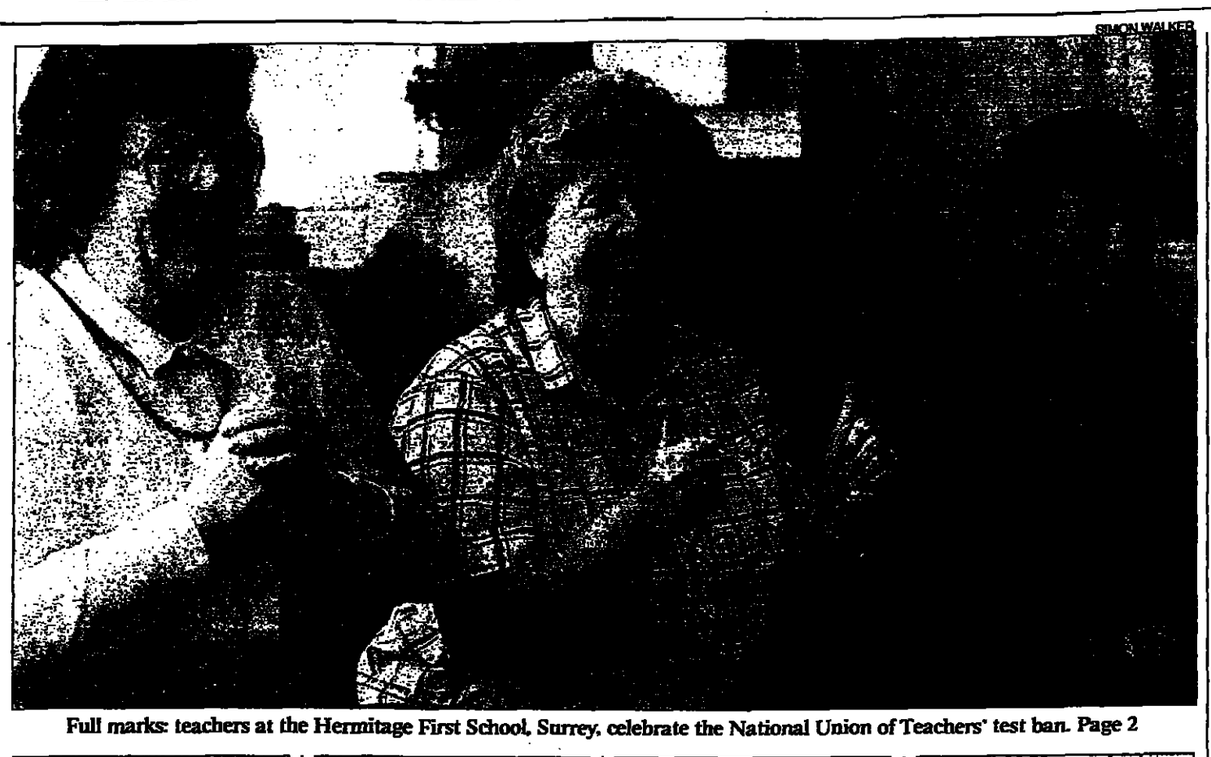
Peace pressure

Arab and Israeli negotiators were under pressure to achieve a breakthrough on the final day of three weeks of largely inconclusive peace talks..... **Page 9**

Home alone fish land owner in court

■ A man was accused of causing unnecessary suffering because he left two tropical fish in a tank while he was away for a week at a time. An RSPCA inspector told the court at Maidenhead, Berkshire, that he could not tell if the fish were distressed. The owner said he thought they were "perfectly happy". The case was adjourned ..... **Page 3**

SIMON WALKER



Full marks: teachers at the Hermitage First School, Surrey, celebrate the National Union of Teachers' test ban. Page 2

BUSINESS

Profits down at BT: The cost of Britain's biggest mass redundancy programme shaved more than £1 billion off BT's profits which fell by a third to £1.97 billion ..... **Page 21**

Markets: The pound fell again on foreign exchanges, unsettled by the devaluation of the Spanish peseta and the Portugese escudo and by the strength of the dollar after better-than-expected American retail sales figures. It closed down 1.44 cents at $1.5253 and down 1.40 pfennigs at DM2.4618 ... **Page 24**

Higher profits: Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group raised its profits by 5.6 per cent to £416 million in the half year to end March..... **Page 23**

SPORT

Golf: Ian Woosnam, Wales's top golfer, hit a five-under-par 67, just ahead of Nick Faldo and Ronan Rafferty on 68, in the first round of the Spanish Open in Madrid. A violent thunderstorm curtailed play ..... **Page 40**

Polo: "The pitch is huge; the distance from one goal to the other, farther than I go on holiday." Clement Freud visits the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club ..... **Page 38**

Football: Everton, one of the biggest clubs in English football, is £4 million in debt and there were reports yesterday that the Moores family is prepared to sell its major shareholding ..... **Page 40**

FEATURES

Shrinking world: several bitter court cases have put New York psychiatrists in the headlines. Are they coping? ..... **Page 12**

Raine daze: They had already had the honeymoon. "Well at our advanced age," she blushes prettily, "no one would think we'd only just held hands". The Valerie Grove interview..... **Page 13**

Libby Purves: Mrs Thatcher, despite her many merits, did drive the nation mad..... **Page 13**

MOTORING

Testing, testing: How Jackie Stewart, the three-times motor-racing world champion, is helping Ford to build better cars ..... **Page 35**

ARTS

Olé, Jose: The Spanish tenor Jose Carreras enthralled a packed Albert Hall with a concert that confirmed his return to the peak of his artistry..... **Page 32**

A room for their view: At the Serpentine Gallery in London, four very different artists have each been given space to create a room of their own ..... **Page 31**

Bluebell picking: As part of the Barclays New Stages theatre festival, an "avant-garde" entertainment is being mounted nightly on the Bluebell steam railway. Here was "an opportunity for magic," reports Jeremy Kingston. Unfortunately, "the dialogue was banal, the encounters amateurish" ... **Page 31**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Phillip DeFreitas, overlooked by England for the one-day Texaco Trophy matches, took seven Somerset wickets for 76 at Taunton
Page 36



Nurse Beverly Allitt was convicted of murdering two babies on a children's ward. She was also convicted of harming three children
Page 3



Harry Taylor, who climbed Everest without oxygen, tells how he had to be dragged into a tent "like a corpse" after his triumph
Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Moving mountains

■ Forty years on, Jan Morris recalls her struggle to report the conquest of Everest so that it would coincide with the Queen's coronation..... Magazine

Playing with water

■ "He ran his little kingdom with sluices and dams, playing with grown-up drains and puddles" — Philip Howard meets one of the last "drowners" in his Wiltshire kingdom..... Weekend

Secrets of Shogun Man

■ James Clavell, creator of the bestselling block-busters about Chinese and Japanese warlords, reveals the secrets of his million-dollar writing craft

TV LISTINGS

Things to Come, Korda's 1936 classic based on H.G. Wells' predictions of 40 years of world events (Channel 4, 11.10 pm) .... **Page 39**

OPINION

A good turn

By conceding the flaws in the Criminal Justice Act, Mr Clarke has showed that ministerial resolve can correct the most woefully drafted legislation, and that a government can improve its standing by admitting gracefully it has made a mistake..... **Page 15**

German responsibility

Germans, together with other Europeans, have a duty to ensure no new Auschwitz claims victims in other countries, including Bosnia..... **Page 15**

New domesday

This year's agricultural census to qualify for subsidies from the EC makes Domesday Book seem like a casual enquiry about market prices..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

I begin to believe that The greatest step forward for this country, the most urgent and needed reform, the thing that would produce the most harmonious and pacifying state of affairs throughout the land, would be a measure forbidding, on pain of the severest punishment, any public official to use capital letters to make clear what is his or her position..... **Page 14**

JONATHAN CLARK

Tony Benn is right to see England as essentially unrevolutionised: that indeed is his problem. England's differences from societies republican in their essence are still wide. So is there still a case for the monarchy?..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

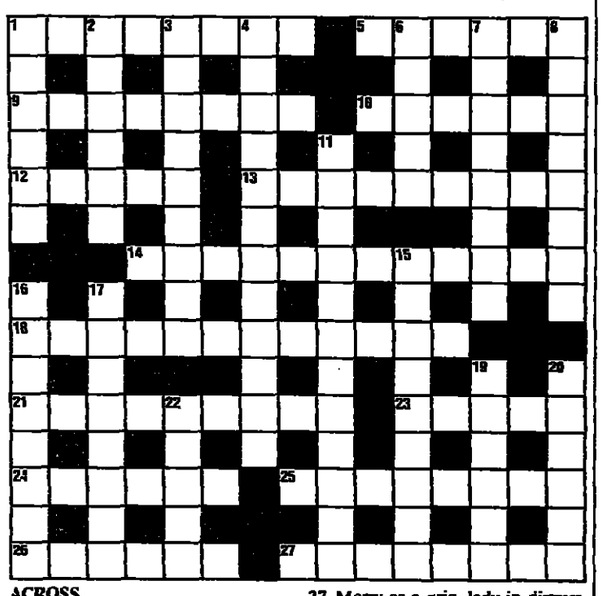
Bugging of private conversations: Lord Shawcross calls for a statutory enquiry..... **Page 15**

THE LEADERS

There is always the possibility of a few heads rolling . . . Mr Major is famously loyal to his ministers. But once he starts thinking as a politician rather than as a manager, Mr Lamont might have to start dusting down his diaries and considering his memoirs. On the other hand, it has to be admitted that he has shown an astonishing capacity for survival

— Evening Standard

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,230



ACROSS

1 Dangerous driver, noisy and negligent, makes a bloomer (8).
5 Weaver coming last (6).
9 Bill a man of the cloth? That's right (8).
10 Murder mother in a field (6).
12 Some synthetic lingerie tends to (5).
13 Nobody's changed — Len's worse (9).
14 You'll find him at work in the classroom (12).
18 Snout gasping about one mural (4-8).
21 Write laws on one tablet (9).
23 14 pronouns run together (5).
24 Girl shows you where to write the answer (6).
25 Maiden is principal source of trouble (8).
26 "I'll heat the water", old man said (6).
27 Merry as a grig, lady in distress (8).

DOWN

1 Spell that really affects no callers except those coming first (6).
2 It's freezing cold in an HGV (6).
3 Dandy conceals fury about informal headgear (6-3).
4 It's turned out micro, alas — not very large (12).
6 Leader of old with grim reputation (5).
7 Hear about an old dress? It's a parody (8).
8 Cars go for service (8).
11 Frank speaking about the cooking of a flan (12).
15 He broadcasts girl's put on weight, right? (9).
16 On good terms in — by the grace of God — a home (8).
17 Shoot menacing thug in New York (4-4).
19 Going in pursuit, one vehicle (6).
20 Toy with food (6).
22 By the sound of it, taking a train (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,229

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The Times Knockando Crossword Championship, 1993: as more competitors have qualified for the Bristol and London A and B regional finals than can be accommodated, they will be required to attempt an Eliminator puzzle to be published on Thursday, May 20.

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WEATHER

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Madrid	17	63	f
Alicante	21	70	f	Majorca	18	64	r
Alex'dria	28	79	s	Malaga	20	68	f
Algiers	22	72	f	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	12	54	r	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Athens	18	64	c	Miami*	27	81	f
Bahrain	26	79	f	Milan	19	66	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	18	64	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	21	70	f
Barcelna	19	66	f	Munich	19	66	f
Beirut	20	68	f	Nairobi	25	77	c
Belgrade	25	77	f	Naples	20	68	f
Berlin	23	73	s	N Delhi	38	100	s
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	20	68	f	Nice	19	66	f
Borde'x	21	70	s	Oslo	16	61	s
Brussels	13	55	c	Paris	12	54	c
Budapst	26	79	f	Peking	23	73	f
B Aires*	17	63	f	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Prague	24	75	s
Capa Tn	16	61	r	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Chicago*	19	66	s	Rhodes	19	66	f
Ch'church	13	55	s	Rio de J	33	97	s
Cologne	19	66	f	Riyadh	29	84	f
C'phagn	22	72	f	Rome	21	70	f
Corfu	15	59	f	Salzburg	22	72	f
Dublin	9	48	r	S Frisco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Santiago*	12	54	f
Faro	18	64	c	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Florence	23	73	c	Seoul	13	55	r
Frankfurt	18	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	14	57	r
Geneva	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Sydney	17	63	r
Helsinki	19	66	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Hong K	30	86	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	c
Innsbrck	21	70	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Istanbul	16	61	f	Tokyo	29	84	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Tunis	24	75	f
Karachi	37	99	s	Valencia	16	61	r
L Palmas	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	14	57	s
La Toquet	10	50	c	Venice	20	68	f
Lisbon	17	63	f	Vienna	24	75	s
Locarno	16	61	d	Warsaw	25	77	s
London	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	25	77	c
L Angels*	19	66	s	Wel'ton	15	59	f
Luxembg	13	55	r	Zurich	18	64	f
Luxor	31	88	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 57 per cent Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,000.7 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Stansted, Essex, 21C (70F), lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Plymouth, Devon, 0.72in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Strathclyde, 14.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 3.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.31in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	9	48	dull
Anglesey	8.2	-	19	66	sunny
Aviemore	4.2	-	10	50	bright
Belfast	12.6	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	7.9	0.01	19	66	sunny
Bognor Regis	0.4	0.02	16	61	shower
Bournemouth	-	0.02	16	61	shower
Buxton	9.4	-	14	57	sunny
Cardiff	0.3	0.06	15	59	thundr
Clacton	9.3	-	18	64	sunny
Cromer	10.9	-	14	57	sunny
Edinburgh	0.8	-	10	50	dull
Eskdalemuir	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	0.21	13	55	rain
Falmouth	1.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Folkestone	11.6	-	16	61	cloudy
Glasgow	11.7	-	14	57	sunny
Guernsey	9.0	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	1.0	0.03	19	66	rain
Hunstanton	9.6	0.01	13	55	sunny
Isle of Man	4.0	0.02	17	63	shower
Jersey	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	0.5	-	10	50	drizzle
Leeds	3.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Lerwick	-	0.02	8	46	drizzle
Littlehampton	-	0.01	17	63	shower
Liverpool	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
London	4.5	0.01	20	68	bright
Lowestoft	10.6	-	13	55	sunny
Manchester	10.0	-	17	63	sunny
Margate	2.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Minehead	0.9	0.07	15	59	shower
Morecambe	10.3	-	16	61	sunny
Newcastle	-	-	8	46	dull
Newquay	-	0.19	-	x	drizzle
Nottingham	11.9	-	18	64	sunny
Penzance	6.6	-	17	63	bright
Plymouth	1.2	0.72	12	54	rain
Salcombe	0.3	0.23	13	55	dull
Sandown	0.6	0.04	16	61	rain
Saunton Snd	2.6	-	16	61	dull
Scarborough	4.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	3.7	-	16	61	bright
Southend	3.0	-	20	68	cloudy
Southsea	0.1	0.23	16	61	rain
Stornoway	3.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	15	59	dull
Teignmouth	0.1	0.57	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Tiree	14.7	-	13	55	sunny
Torquay	0.9	0.50	13	55	rain
Wick	-	-	8	46	dull
Worthing	0.3	-	17	63	cloudy

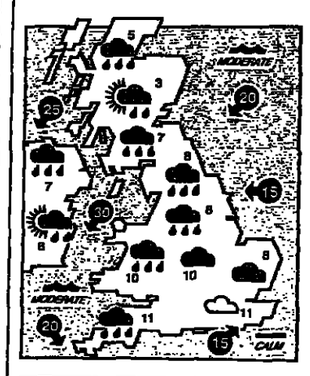
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TOURIST RATES

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Austria Sch	18.40	18.90
Belgium Fr	53.80	49.40
Canada $	2.065	1.905
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.32
France Fr	8.81	8.11
Germany Dm	2.60	2.40
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.47	11.47
Ireland Pt	1.064	0.984
Italy Lira	2365.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	188.75	169.75
Netherlands Gld	2.93	2.70
Norway Kr	11.05	10.25
Portugal Esc	249.00	231.00
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	193.00	180.00
Sweden Kr	10.88	11.06
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.14 pm to 4.40 am
Bristol 9.24 pm to 4.50 am
Edinburgh 9.47 pm to 4.32 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.07 am

Sun rises: 5.10 am
Sun sets: 8.44 pm
Moon rises 2.07 am
Moon sets 1.25 pm
New moon May 21

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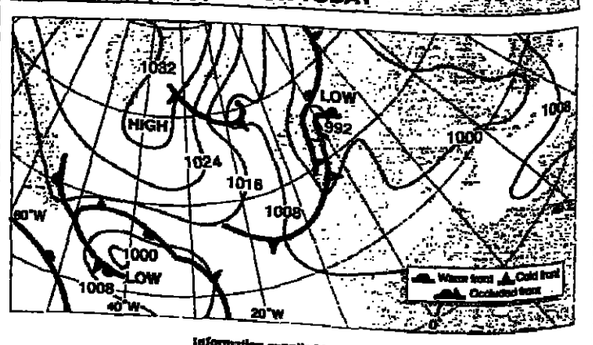
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Bristol	14	57	s	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'nchster	13	55	s
Edinburgh	5	41	r	Newcastle	7	45	r
Glasgow	5	41	r	R'nldsway	9	48	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.35	6.0	8.47	5.8
Aberdeen	9.10	3.3	9.20	3.2
Avonmouth	12.31	10.0	2.00	9.7
Belfast	6.05	3.0	6.56	2.7
Cardiff	1.16	9.4	1.45	9.1
Devonport			12.41	4.2
Dover	6.08	5.2	6.29	5.3
Falmouth			12.11	4.0
Glasgow	7.11	4.1	7.53	3.7
Harwich	6.33	3.3	6.40	3.2
Holyhead	5.13	4.5	6.18	4.2
Hull	1.00	5.6	1.03	6.0
Ilfracombe	12.29	7.1	12.58	6.7
King's Lynn	1.17	4.8	1.19	5.0
Leith	9.29	4.3	10.19	4.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	5.57	7.5	6.43	7.1
Lowestoft	4.58	2.0	4.20	2.1
Margate	6.56	3.9	7.03	3.9
Milford Haven	12.44	5.4	1.18	5.1
Newquay			12.18	5.2
Oban	12.17	3.0	1.02	3.1
Penzance			noon	4.2
Portland	12.22	1.4	1.05	1.3
Portsmouth	5.48	3.7	6.46	3.9
Shoreham	5.47	4.7	6.37	4.9
Southampton	5.54	3.6	8.52	3.6
Swansea	12.47	7.5	1.21	7.2
Tees	10.42	4.5	11.37	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	8.34	3.5	6.46	3.4

NOON TODAY



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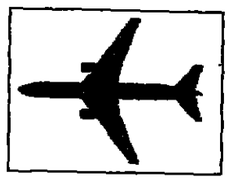
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US $	1.5253 (-0.0144)
German mark	2.4618 (-0.0140)
Exchange index	79.7 (-0.5)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2849.3 (-11.5)
Dow Jones	3453.25 (-29.06)*
Nikkei Avge	20532.78 (-82.42)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds	2 15/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.91-2.90%*
Long Bond	6.94%*

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London Fixing ($):
AM 367.00 PM 367.00
Close 369.50-370.00
New York:
Comex 370.25-370.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.3 March (1.9%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Pensions black hole devours £2bn

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE British Telecom main pension fund has turned a surplus of £1.7 billion into a deficit of £750 million by giving itself a three-year holiday from contributions and allowing thousands of staff made redundant to claim full pensions early.

The company has already paid £550 million into the fund towards pension benefits for early leavers, started paying annual contributions of £250 million in April and intends to pay a further £800 million into the fund before March 31, 1994. Profits for the company would have been much lower in previous years without the pensions holiday and if adequate payments into the scheme had been made to cover early retirers.

The actuarial valuation of the fund made at the beginning of the year showed that, with assets of £13.4 billion, only 95 per cent of liabilities were covered. A year ago, the fund had a 9 per cent surplus.

The company says the impact of recession on investment returns and the changes to advance corporation tax in the Budget contributed to the shortfall. If dividends are unchanged, those changes mean gross income on a UK equity portfolio will fall by 6.25 per cent.

Ownership of pension surpluses has been a subject of debate since many schemes found themselves overfunded. This autumn, the Goode Committee will make recommendations on what should happen to surpluses.

Since the 1986 Finance Act, pension funds have been urged to rid themselves of surpluses of more than 5 per cent. The National Association of Pension Funds survey for 1992 showed that 53 per cent of schemes had taken contributions holidays, or reduced contributions. A smaller percentage had given scheme members holidays, and about 1 per cent had transferred part of surpluses to companies to bolster profits.

The cost of allowing people as young as 45 to retire on pensions, as BT did, was very high, said Ron Spill, pensions controller at Legal & General. Usually, if a scheme has a retirement age of 65 and someone wants to retire ten years early, 60 per cent of the annual pension earned by his or her contributions to that date is lost. "The strain of letting people retire early on full pensions is enormous," Mr Spill said. Members pay in for up to 20 years less and claim for 20 years more.

Lower investment returns were less of a problem, as wage rises had been low. "The problems start when the gap between wage inflation and the earnings from shares widens," Mr Spill said.

Roy Brimblecombe, chairman of the pensions joint committee of the Institute of Actuaries, said: "If companies pay out fairly generous pensions for those who are made redundant, I would imagine they could fairly easily use up surpluses."

A schemes is required by law to have a formal actuarial valuation only every three years. Mr Brimblecombe said, however, that most large ones did so at the start of each year.

Lucas pensioners will be taking the company to the High Court in November to establish whether the company was right to make use of £375 million of pension surplus when the scheme rules banned the employer from access to the fund.

Redundancy costs rip £1bn from BT profits

By Patricia Tehan

BT'S profits dropped more than a third to £1.97 billion in the year to end-March, hit by the £1.03 billion cost of the country's biggest-ever redundancy programme.

The redundancy charge includes the £550 million cost of providing pension benefits to staff opting to go.

The redundancy programme, combined with the pension fund's lower investment returns as a result of the recession and the effect of changes in the Budget to Advanced Corporation Tax, has created a £750 million deficit in the pension scheme.

BT, which has had a three-year pension fund holiday, resumed contributions last month and will make an £800 million contribution to cover the deficit in the current year.

Under BT's Release 92 scheme, 31,700 staff left with generous redundancy packages. Half the job cuts were among engineers and more than 20 per cent among phone operators. Including disposals, the workforce was cut by 39,800 to 170,700.

Another 30,000 are due to go this year and next, at a cost of about £250 million a year. The continuing redundancy programme will keep the pension fund under strain — Barry Romeril, BT's finance director, estimates the cost will also be £250 million a year.

Iain Vallance, the chairman, would not be drawn on what happens after next year, but the company has made clear that it plans to continue to reduce staffing.

It aims to cut jobs in its traditional telecommunications businesses to 100,000 by the end of 1998, although jobs will created as it moves into other business areas.

BT also revealed that directors' pay will be frozen in the year from July 1 because the non-executives who run the remuneration committee decided salary increases are not justified in a time of low inflation. Mr Vallance's last salary increase was last July when it rose 3 per cent to £465,000. His performance-related bonus for the year to end-March was £90,000, the same as the previous year.

Despite the fall in profits, BT has increased its dividend for the year 8.3 per cent to 15.6p.

The fall in profits was much greater than that forecast by analysts, who had been predicting £2.5 billion pre-tax. The shares fell in early trading, but rallied to close up 2p at 404p.

Analysts are forecasting between £2.8 billion and £3 billion profits next year. The profits will be boosted by BT's decision to change the way it depreciates its assets from this year. The combined effect of the changes will be a £40 million fall in the depreciation charge this year and £100 million for the following two years.

Mr Vallance said: "Since about August of last year we have seen the beginning of the green shoots. How far that grows into a big strong plant remains to be seen."

Turnover for the year fell by 0.7 per cent to £13.24 billion, although after taking account of disposals the underlying increase was 1 per cent. The underlying increase in turnover in the final quarter was 2.8 per cent. Inland telephone call turnover stayed at £5.1 billion, although Mr Romeril said turnover began to increase in the fourth quarter.

Telephone exchange line rentals increased by 5.5 per cent to £2.2 billion, helped by price increases in September 1991 and January this year.

Michael Hepher, group managing director, said the company lost between 2 and 3 per cent of its market share in the last year, taking its share to between 92 and 93 per cent of the UK market. Cable and Wireless's Mercury subsidiary is its biggest competitor, but cable television companies pose a growing threat to its domestic phone market.

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ALAN WELLER



Standing still: Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, whose pay is being frozen from July 1

Spain and Portugal devalue amid EC discord

By Janet Bush and Edward Owen

SPAIN won agreement from its European partners to devalue the peseta by 8 per cent, but an even larger devaluation of 10 per cent is believed to have been vetoed by France. The devaluation was accompanied by a 6.5 per cent devaluation of the escudo by Portugal, whose economy depends heavily on its neighbour.

Yesterday's realignment of parities in the exchange-rate mechanism was the fifth since Denmark voted against ratifying the Maastricht treaty last June and comes only days before next Tuesday's second Danish referendum.

Monetary sources said the Spanish request for a 10 per cent devaluation had met strong opposition, mostly, it is believed, from France which argued for devaluation to be limited to 6 per cent. France stood to lose most in competitiveness from a Spanish devaluation.

Yesterday's events were highly unusual and suggested considerable disagreement among EC partners, according to Gerald Holtham, chief economist at Lehman Brothers in London. Realignments normally take place at weekends and tend to be agreed in detail before announcement.

Spain, however, announced it was seeking realignment yesterday morning, during trading hours, and suspended obligations to the ERM for the rest of the trading day. Details were only then worked out by a scheduled afternoon meeting of the EC monetary committee and announced. The timing surprised many, too, who had thought that the government would hang on until elections on June 6. As recently as Wednesday, Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, said the peseta would not be devalued. It appears, though, that Spain had run perilously short of reserves and had little choice. Despite two devaluations since September's ERM crisis, one of 5 per cent and one of 6 per cent, Spain is estimated to have spent $35 billion in reserves to prop up the peseta.

Narcis Serra, deputy prime minister, denied the action was taken to get interest rates down before the election. He said: "We could not afford to lose more foreign reserves in order to sustain the peseta."

Alison Cottrell, international economist for Midland Global Markets, said the devaluation was probably enough to represent the end to the Spanish currency crisis, which has rumbled on since September. The peseta rallied and the escudo held steady.

Helmut Schlesinger, Bundesbank president, warned European countries pushing for further interest rate cuts in Germany: "A sledgehammer interest rate policy, which some would recommend, is not appropriate."

Sterling closed 1½ pfennigs lower at DM2.4618 and fell more than a cent to close at $1.5253. April figures showed the largest rise in US retail sales since October.



González: U-turn

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Voters stand by for a debt-defying feat



ANTHONY HARRIS

Kings killed the bringers of bad news; corporations pay them highly. Faced with hurtful decisions, they call in management consultants to shoulder the responsibility. It saves hard feelings.

It is in much the same spirit, surely, that Jacques Delors has commissioned an independent study to explain the high levels of unemployment right across the European Community. He knows the answer he is likely to get; it was put brutally by Dr Mahathir, the prime minister of Malaysia, at a recent investment conference in the Middle East: "You pay your workers too much, and then pay them to stay idle."

This is a fashionable view. You must know the arguments: technology is ever more mobile, transport ever cheaper, and multinational corporations can produce wherever costs are lowest. Result: the emergent tigers of Asia, Latin America, and now even East Europe, are ever more competitive. Real wages in the advanced countries, including off-payroll costs, must therefore tend to fall to the level that these much poorer countries pay. So we can't afford welfare. QED.

There is some truth here; but the real world is not so simple as this logic suggests. True, competition from cheap-labour countries is becoming ever more pervasive: that explains the decade-old drive to reduce manning in industrial plants all over the developed world; hence too, the creeping protectionism, mainly through quotas, which has kept the pace of change tolerable. And trade remains a two-way street: US exports to Mexico, for example, have grown faster than its imports over the last two decades. Jobs have grown in both countries. Markets have powers of adjustment unknown to propagandists, or even to expert panels.

There is little here, then, to explain high unemployment; still less why the crisis should have appeared suddenly, over only three or four years. But low-cost competition has had one other effect: it has stopped inflation in its tracks in any developed country that is not prepared to debauch its own currency. It is the combination of low inflation with the debt explosion of the 1980s which has been deadly. But for this, governments everywhere would have been happy to steal the credit.

We saw the economic and political results of unchecked debt deflation 60 years ago. This time round we have safety nets that were not made available then — bank bailouts and deficit spending; but the results are still painful and long-lasting. Central banks, except in the US, fight yesterday's wars with excessive short-term interest rates. Commercial banks, with fingers burned to the wrists, retire hurt. They refuse to finance recovery, and impose a significant tax on the economy by way of higher charges and spreads, depressing activity further.

Government deficits grow as revenue falls, even in fiscally responsible countries. For those who were rash, it is worse. Private debt is effectively nationalised through bailouts: so the bigger the private debt collapse, the bigger the fiscal problems that follow.

In the short term, the pain is spread evenly but unjustly, as virtuously run countries such as France or New Zealand import the depression. If and when recovery comes, they will breathe again; but those who spent irresponsibly will be paying the bills through slashed welfare or higher taxes for years.

The fact that the effects are so evenly spread opens opportunities for bond investors; previously suspect regimes in Italy, Ireland and Sweden, for example, have rewarded buyers who credited their determination.

But can governments stay this forbidding course in the longer run? Seeing responsible regimes thrown out at the polls for trying too hard, they will be sorely tempted to bolt — to devalue repeatedly, as the gold markets fear; or to turn on the innocent tigers through protectionism. Yet US voters who supported Ross Perot, and may now support the Clinton deficit crusade, like the Italians who opted for clean government, seem to want honest answers. They are the best hope not just for bondholders, but for the important test: that democracy will succeed where it too often failed last time round.

LandSec to raise £140m

■ Britain's biggest property company is shifting its emphasis away from offices in central London to retail and industrial investments outside the capital

BY CARL MORTISHED

LAND Securities, Britain's largest property company is raising £140 million in a convertible bond issue to fund property purchases in a bid to shift the balance of its portfolio away from ex-growth property in the City and West End of London.

The new bonds will pay interest at 7 per cent and are convertible into ordinary shares until 2008 at a conversion premium expected to be between 14 per cent and 16 per cent above the current ordinary share price.

Shares in LandSec jumped from 545p to 555p on the news that the portfolio had declined by only 7 per cent in value to just over £4 billion during the year to March 31. The market had been expecting a decline of more than 10 per cent. Net asset value at the year end was 504p, a fall of 9 per cent while pre-tax profit for the year was up 3 per cent to £233 million and net rental income rose from £354 million to £381 million.

Peter Hunt, chairman, hit out at government initiatives to change the institutional lease. He said that proposals to abolish privity of contract would have to be introduced alongside reforms to landlord and tenant legislation. "Without those changes landlords will put in no-assigment clauses and tenants will have to sub-let. There will be court cases and tenants will be charged higher rents" he said.

Mr Hunt that the property market was already adjusting to the changed environment with most leases in London reduced to 15 years or less and break clauses at the tenth year. "The only thing that does not adjust to the market is politicians," he said.

More than 78 per cent of the company's rental income is secured on leases without break clauses and with upward only rent reviews, expiring beyond 2000. Voids in the portfolio amount to an estimated loss of £9.4 million in rent. Lease expiries before 2000 could cost LandSec £50 million in rental income if tenants do not renew.

Over the past five years, LandSec has been shifting its portfolio out of London and the new money is designed to continue the process. Over the same period the office content of the group's properties reduced from almost 60 per cent to 45 per cent with the change made up in purchases of retail and industrial property.

The new money will lift the company's gross gearing by 6 per cent from a year end figure of 60 per cent. Net of cash, the gearing on total borrowings at March 30 of £1.5 billion was 50 per cent. Net interest payable rose £20 million to £123 million during the year but interest cover remained high at 2.6 times. Earnings per share rose 3 per cent to 33.68p and the dividend is up 5.1 per cent to 22.85p.

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Moving out: Peter Hunt's Land Securities is shifting the balance of its portfolio

Recession still here say civil engineers

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S civil engineering contractors are seeing a strong increase in orders, but the improvement is not enough for recession in the industry to be declared over.

The latest state of industry quarterly survey from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, published today, casts doubt on government claims that recovery is under way, especially since construction's long lead times often make it one of the first to emerge from recession.

The April survey, covering 141 civil engineering companies with an annual workload of £4 billion, or about two-fifths of the industry's output, finds that while trends are the best since 1990, all the major indicators still report falling balances — those firms recording decreases against those reporting increases.

Orders have improved but are still falling. A balance of minus 19 per cent of companies set against a balance of minus 34 per cent in January said orders are still in decline compared with 12 months ago.

Further signs of improvement are indicated by better figures for orders compared with six months ago, where the balance has improved from minus 20 per cent in January to minus 5 per cent.

Civil engineering companies expect orders to improve further, although only to a broadly flat level. New orders are expected to fall over the next 12 months, but only marginally, with a balance of minus 1 per cent of companies recording a decline.

Larger companies, with a workforce of more than 1,000 on their sites, generally report better figures overall, with both six-month and 12-month order comparisons showing positive balances for the first time in three years.

Plant utilisation is still falling, though at less than half the rate in January. Employment is showing better prospects, although the survey suggests jobs are still being cut. The balance of minus 25 per cent of companies still recording a fall in workers on large sites is better than the minus 43 per cent balance at the beginning of the year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

DTI seeks winding-up at LW Investment

THE Department of Trade and Industry is to seek a winding up order from the High Court against LW Investment Corporation, a company controlled by Ian Lloyd Wright, an offshore investment salesman based in South Africa. The DTI has appointed the official receiver as provisional liquidator of LWI on the basis of information provided by the Securities and Investment Board, which this week obtained injunctions preventing the Delaware-registered company from carrying on unauthorised investment business in the UK and freezing its assets worldwide.

The SIB is investigating Mr Lloyd Wright and LWI after complaints from Eagle Star and investors about the marketing of offshore "guaranteed growth bonds" to investors in the UK and overseas.

Life Sciences buys

LIFE Sciences International is to pay £33.5 million for Labsystems, the Helsinki scientific equipment maker. Life Sciences is raising £12 million to finance the deal from a placing. In 1992, Labsystems made £4.9 million on net assets of £31.4 million. Sir Christopher Bland, the Life Sciences chairman, said: "The acquisition of Labsystems is another step forward in our strategy of building an international scientific equipment business, and provides some exciting new product and geographical areas with good growth potential." Labsystems employs 780 people.

Thomson bookings up

THOMSON, the UK's largest holiday company, reports an 8 per cent upturn in sales so far this year for summer breaks against only modest growth for the industry generally. Thomson Travel Group, which takes in Thomson holiday packages and Lunn Poly travel agencies, reduced its usual first-quarter losses, its Canadian parent company said. However, net losses for The Thomson Corporation, which includes publishing in Canada and UK local newspapers, in the three months to March 31 increased to US$59 million from US$51 million dollars in the first quarter of 1992.

Telegraph lifts stake

THE Telegraph group, owner of the *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*, which on April 20 was granted permission by the Australian government to increase its stake in John Fairfax Holdings to up to 25 per cent, has finalised a £16.04 million transaction whereby its stake in Fairfax will rise from 14.7 per cent to 15.3 per cent. The Telegraph group has acquired 26.75 million options over convertible debentures and yesterday exercised five million options. The group says that by increasing its stake it expects to benefit from Fairfax's increasing profitability.

Shaftesbury in black

SHAFTESBURY, a property investment company that owns a large estate in London's Chinatown, earned a pre-tax profit of £344,000 in the six months to March 31, compared with a £2.3 million loss last time. Net rental income rose from £2.5 million to £2.7 million and earnings per share were 1.2p, against a loss of 9.1p. The improvement is due to the absence of provisions against developments, which cost £2.8 million in the year to September 30. Shaftesbury has now sold all its development portfolio, reducing borrowings and helping the interest charge to fall from £2.7 million to £2.1 million.

Bank of Ireland leaps



REDUCED losses in America and Britain, and improved profits in its corporate and treasury division, helped Bank of Ireland to increase pre-tax profits by Ir£50.8 million to Ir£73.4 million (£73.5 million) in the year to March 31. Maurice Keane, right, deputy chief executive, said he was confident about prospects for the current year. Loan loss provisions increased from Ir£146.8 million to Ir£150.2 million. Earnings per share improved from Ir4.5p to Ir13.7p. The dividend for the year increases by 7 per cent to Ir9.83p.

Lex to sell Arrow stake

LEX Service, the car and truck retailing and leasing group, is poised to sell its 17.5 per cent stake in America's Arrow Electronic. It will use the expected £100 million proceeds to expand UK operations. The stake stands in Lex's books at £37 million. The disposal fulfils an agreement between the two parties that Lex would sell once Arrow's share price exceeded $22 for more than 60 consecutive days. Arrow is currently traded at nearly $33. In 1992, Arrow contributed £9.5 million to pre-tax profits of £28.3 million. Lex shares rose 6p to 340p.

NatWest withdraws from French branches

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Westminster is pulling out of its loss-making French branch operation. The move is the latest and biggest example of the bank's stated intention to focus on businesses that bring a better return. It follows the decision to pull out of Japanese equities in December.

Derek Wanless, the bank's chief executive, said NatWest was seeking "presences that are capable of being major and profitable".

NatWest's French retail arm has incurred losses since it became a separate subsidiary of the bank in 1988. Last year, losses grew to £36 million from £21 million. The bank plans to pull out of retail banking in France over the next 12 months and concentrate instead on corporate investment banking, through NatWest Markets, and its international banking business.

Analysts welcomed the move. Peter Toeman, of Hoare Govett, said NatWest is too small in France to be an effective player. He said it is possible that the bank will now look at some of its other European operations. Of the bank's £85 billion loan book, only £7 billion is in Europe.

However, Mr Wanless said the decision to pull out of France "does not mean anything for any other business". NatWest has 10 branches in France, employing 400 staff. It opened its first French branch in Paris in 1913. The issued share capital of the French retail operation was £135 million at the end of last year.

Mr Wanless confirmed that the withdrawal from France will result in a provision in this year's accounts, but said it was impossible to say how large that would be until the bank knew whether a sale was possible. It is in talks with the Republic National Bank of New York about the Monaco branch and is looking for buyers for the rest.

Other British bank have also suffered in France. Last year, Barclays incurred a £98 million loss there and spent £15 million on restructuring, while half of Abbey National's £50 million European loss was incurred from its French operations.

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Lloyd's names win clearance for suit

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS to stop more than 1,000 Lloyd's names on the Feltrim and Gooda Walker syndicates from continuing their multi-million pound legal action have failed.

Mr Justice Saville ruled yesterday that names are able to sue the members' agents responsible for placing them on the loss-making syndicates even when they have not paid their losses in full. The decision dealt a blow to the plaintiffs, the agents, who argued that names, under the terms of their contracts, must "pay now, sue later".

The ruling at a pre-court hearing affects about half of the 700 Feltrim and 2,145 Gooda Walker names pursuing action. Gooda Walker names are fighting to recover £400 million of losses from 65 members' agencies and the two Gooda Walker managing agencies, while Feltrim names are seeking to recover £660 million from 59 members' agencies.

The decision was welcomed by Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group of more than 2,000 names. He said: "It is a great victory. We have a very substantial number of names, including myself, who have not paid our cash calls in full."

In making his judgment, the judge said that for a name with no money to pay his cash calls, the "pay now, sue later" provision meant he would deprived of "the only asset that could be utilised to pay the call, namely the value of his claim against the agent".

The ruling clears the way for the Feltrim Names Association's planned summary judgment, set for September 14. The "pay now, sue later" action by the members' agents was an attempt to thwart the association's plan to bring forward its legal action.

By seeking a summary judgment, a means of speeding up the court process when the plaintiffs beleive they have a case to which the defendants have no arguable defence, the association has avoided having to wait an estimated three years for a full trial. The agents have been granted leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The Lloyd's Names Association's working party regards the ruling as a "great victory" and believe it will cause "many more" names to join the action groups. The Lloyd's Names Association also expects that names may not pay this year's cash calls. Christopher Stockwell, chairman, said: "This is good news for ruined names" and marks the "first in a series of legal victories".

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

CHEMEX INTL (Int)
Pre-tax: £94,199 loss
EPS: 0.24p loss
Div: Nil (Nil)
Interim loss last time was £84,927, with a loss per share of 0.20p. Results affected by loss of business during relocation.

FINLAY (JAMES) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £10.09m (£8.9m)
EPS: 4.7p (4.9p)
Div: 2.15p, mkg 4.15p
Total dividend in previous year was 4.15p. Turnover rose to £165.22m (£143.69m). Losses on foreign exchange were £967,000.

PWS HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.07m (£2.1m)
EPS: 6.4p (6.8p)
Div: 1.5p (1.5p)
Bulk of profit arises in first half. Company expects satisfactory outcome for full year. Brokerage income was £8m, against £8.4m.

WARNER HOWARD (Fin)
Pre-tax: £6.2m (£5.7m)
EPS: 18.74p (17.16p)
Div: 0.38p, mkg 6.5p
Turnover was £23.2m, against £22.2m. Company has nil gearing and positive cash flow, giving scope for acquisitions.

HUNTERPRINT (Int)
Pre-tax: £330,000
EPS: 0.76p
Div: Nil (nil)
Interim loss last year was £3.8m, with loss per share of 21.5p. Interest charge out to £579,000 from £1.54m.

EUROMONEY (Int)
Pre-tax: £5.9m (£4.62m)
EPS: 19.5p (14.9p)
Div: 10.5p (8p)
The company's balance sheet is strong with net cash of £24m, up from £22m, earning investment income of £1m.

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Luck of the Irish finally runs out for Tony Ryan


Down to earth: Tony Ryan, GPA founder

FOR more than a decade and a half, GPA, the aircraft leasing group founded by Tony Ryan, enjoyed the veritable luck of the Irish. But what until recently bore the hallmarks of a crock of gold has been rapidly transformed into a $5.5 billion mountain of debt and problems. Less than a year and a half ago, GPA, originally called Guinness Peat Aviation, was still able to show a handsome profit of $279 million. Today, it is struggling to ward off its creditors.

In creating the world's biggest aircraft leasing company from remote offices at Shannon in the west of Ireland, the diminutive Mr Ryan, a former manager at Aer Lingus, always ran the risk of losing sight of reality. In overvaluing the company in an aborted $800 million global flotation last June, he did just that.

After two more ill-advised and disastrous share offers — in November and March — it was only a matter of time before one of the vultures circling over the GPA would strike. Mr Ryan, who recently survived a middle management *putsch* to replace him as chairman, thought GPA shares underpriced at $20 last summer. Today, they are worth less than $1.

The rescue-cum-takeover by the financial arm of General Electric, the US technology group, announced on Wednesday night, ahead of yesterday's meeting of bondholders, appeared to be a last-minute attempt to prevent GPA being forced into the protective arms of the Irish courts. Under the American offer, GE will take over almost two thirds of GPA during the next four years, raising its stake to 80 per cent later. GE will acquire 45 of GPA's best aircraft for £870 million and help raise £1.3 billion by the end of 1995.

Mr Ryan started the company in 1975 with a modest $50,000 capital: as one of Ireland's most successful enterpreneurs and solidly backed by his non-executive directors, including such luminaries as Lord Lawson, the former Chancellor, and Sir John Harvey-Jones, ex-chairman of ICI, he should be able to stay on. The GE offer would, however, reduce his stake in GPA from 8 per cent to about 3 per cent. The biggest shareholders are Mitsubishi Trust and Banking with 12 per cent, and Air Canada with 10 per cent. NatWest and Barclays are also exposed to GPA.

The irony of GPA's plight is that it comes just as the airline industry is showing signs of recovery, which should revive demand for civil aircraft. Aircraft leasing on the scale Mr Ryan has operated tends to magnify with any swings in demand.

Restructuring negotiations since last year have focused City attention on inherent weaknesses at GPA. Mr Ryan's initial success was in identifying, in the wake of the oil shocks and Latin American debt crisis of the seventies, the need of the banks and the airlines for an aircraft broker. But from the outset, GPA has served airlines with high risk. Its first operating deal was with Nigerian Airways.

Mr Ryan has always run a tight ship at Shannon, with only 300 staff, but GPA's practice of taking profits immediately on the sale and leaseback of aircraft has not won plaudits, nor did its buying of aircraft before it had found firm customers.

Expanding the GPA fleet tenfold to 400 aircraft between 1985 and 1992 multiplied the dangers. Deregulation, world economic slowdown and the Gulf war all combined in the nineties to make it crucial for GPA to be highly accurate in its judgment of the market.

Coupled with a decline in aircraft values, the poor credit rating of many airlines and the gap between costs and revenues, GPA's persistent growth led it deeper into the debt trap. In the five years up to its failed flotation, liabilities grew sixfold to a daunting $5.3 billion with firm commitments and options to purchase aircraft exceeding $17 billion.

GPA's arrogance in its dealing with the City during the attempted flotation contributed to its undoing. The price to earnings ratio GPA offered was well over the p/e investors were prepared to pay for property shares. And GPA's business could be regarded as property development using planes instead of buildings.

COLIN NARBROUGH
World Trade Correspondent

Erskine directors may make £149,000

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SIX directors of Erskine House Group stand to make profits totalling £148,790, before costs, on shares bought a few weeks ago, as a result of Tuesday's agreed £67.4 million bid for the office equipment distributor.

All directors but one bought shares in the group late in March and early in April. The purchases were triggered by a sharp fall in the share price after a warning to shareholders that the full-year dividend, due to be announced next month, would be nominal.

Immediately after the March 26 statement, as allowed under Stock Exchange rules, the directors bought 252,000 shares at prices ranging from 28p to 37p each. The UK arm of America's Alco Standard Corporation, a rival distributor, has now offered 90p a share.

Brian McGillivray, the chairman and chief executive, bought 100,000 shares at 30.75p each on April 6. If he opts for Alco's cash offer, he will make £59,250. Two non-executive directors, Christopher Gladstone and Lord Harris of Greenwich, a Labour peer, stand to make £42,840 and £5,800 respectively; John Chapman, the finance director, could make £18,600.

Mr McGillivray said ten employees also bought shares. All the purchases were made because "we believed the shares were too cheap". The board had no knowledge of Alco's intention to launch a bid.

Mr McGillivray was in the US on May 7, when a fax arrived asking for a number on which he could be contacted by Alco's chairman the next day. The offer was made on Friday afternoon, agreed over the weekend, and announced to the Stock Exchange on Monday, he said. The last share deal by a director was on April 13.

GrandMet relies on currency gains to hold its ground

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ **Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, warned of continuing recession in continental Europe as the food and drinks group saw profits rise to £416 million**

A GLUT of vegetables in North America crippled profits at GrandMet's Green Giant subsidiary, leaving the food and drink group with profits before tax and exceptional items barely up from £394 million to £416 million in the half year to end-March.

Had it not been for the benefit of £29 million of currency gains, the figure would have been down. The shares fell 11p to 422p despite a 5.4 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 4.85p a share.

On prospects, Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman and chief executive, said: "We expect America and Britain to continue to improve gradually. However, we believe the continental European markets will increasingly be affected by recession throughout 1993. The pace of economic recovery in our key markets remains difficult to predict."

Currencies wrought havoc on the GrandMet balance sheet. Net borrowings rose £723 million to £3.16 billion, of which £676 million was caused by the translation of non-sterling debt into pounds, pushing gearing up from 64 per cent at the end of September to 82 per cent.

But the pound also forced up the value of GrandMet's brands, included as intangible assets in the balance sheet. Their stated value soared from £2,492 million at the end of September to £2,908 million due entirely to exchange-rate effects. GrandMet said that interest cover had fallen from 7.3 to 6.5.

The company suffered a cash outflow of £51 million before financing and Sir Allen said Grand Met "had a lot more to do on cash control in the group". GrandMet spent £200 million on acquisitions in the half year and took in £146 million from disposals.

Sir Allen also revealed that a bank covenant on the Inntrepreneur joint venture with Courage had been waived. The bank covenants had originally required that 90 per cent of the pubs in the joint venture be converted to the new Inntrepreneur 20-year leases by March 1994 but the requirement has been dropped because of the impact of the recession on the 30 per cent of pubs in the joint venture that have not yet signed up. They are to be offered 3-year leases in the meantime. Depending on an October 1 property revaluation, a further £130 million is to be injected into Inntrepreneur.

GrandMet's drinks division raised operating profits to £268 million (£235 million). Food raised its contribution to £127 million (£124 million) despite halved profits at Green Giant. Retailing profits rose to £89 million (£61 million) spurred by a 31 per cent rise to £63 million at Burger King. The Pearle eye-care business lost £2 million (loss of £13 million). GrandMet said it was unlikely to sell Pearle at the moment and that although the American eye-care market continues to be slow, the cost reduction initiatives of 1992 had helped.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE


Progress pointer: John Hoerner said that the current market share was unlocking Burton's potential

Burton doubles its retail profits

BY NEIL BENNETT

ALMOST 1,600 staff have taken voluntary redundancy at Burton Group, the fashion retailer, rather than accept a part-time job, the company revealed yesterday. The scale of the redundancies has forced it to look for 7,000 part-time workers, 4,000 more than originally estimated.

The number of voluntary redundancies has increased the cost of Burton's fundamental reorganisation to £18.9 million, £4 million more than the group forecast in January. But Richard North, finance director, said the changes would save up to £30 million a year.

Burton announced figures that showed a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £24.7 million in the half year to end-February. Retail profits almost doubled to £54.6 million, but the figures were depressed by the reorganisation provision and a £10 million rise in the interest charge. Sales rose 14 per cent to £1.07 billion.

Burton's debts have fallen to £186 million as a result of its recent rights issue, and the group is concentrating on rationalising its 1,800 shops. John Hoerner, chief executive, said: "We are unlocking the potential of the business with our current market share."

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Daimler dives by 96%

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

DAIMLER-BENZ, Germany's industrial flagship, saw its group net profit collapse 96 per cent from DM460 million to DM20 million in its first quarter this year, reflecting the weakness of the car and truck market and the German recession.

The group, whose products range from Mercedes cars to Airbus aircraft, plans this year to become the first German company to seek a full listing on the New York Stock Exchange. It described the profit slump as extremely unsatisfactory. Sales dropped 19 per cent to DM18.4 billion.

Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, reported a first-quarter loss of DM1.25 billion (DM202 million profit). Sales fell 7.6 per cent. But BMW said it still made an operating profit in the first four months, despite a fall in sales.

Shell 'caps losses' at Japanese arm

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

ROYAL Dutch/Shell told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that it believed it had capped the currency losses at Showa Shell Sekiyu, its Japanese affiliate.

Against initial estimates of losses to Shell of £250 million, John Jennings, managing director, said that the company had taken a further £66 million charge in the first quarter of 1993, adding to the £131 million loss taken in the 1992 figures.

He added: "I see no reason why this should not be the end of it. The position has been effectively capped."

Shell shares rose 21p to 608p yesterday after the Royal Dutch/Shell group reported a 23 per cent rise in net income, to £945 million, for the first quarter of this year. Stripping out the impact of oil stocks, Shell is up 12 per cent to £971 million.

Exploration and production revenues rose from £465 million to £584 million on oil production 3 per cent lower and gas volumes 1 per cent higher.

Profits from downstream operations such as petrol sales rose from £293 million to £429 million. Refineries took in 4 per cent more oil and sales rose 3 per cent.

Chemicals suffered a loss of £22 million against earnings of £20 million in the first quarter of this year, but that was an improvement on 1992's fourth-quarter loss of £183 million.

Coal earned £7 million, a fall of £3 million on the first quarter of 1992; metals reported a £3 million loss, against £18 million in the first quarter of 1992, although last year's figure included £7 million of restructuring costs.

Exchange rates generated net losses of £25 million, compared with gains of £85 million in the first quarter of 1992.

Gold price jumps as demand soars

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

SPRING has sprung and so has the gold price, which yesterday rose in a $13 spurt to $369.75 — its best level in 18 months.

The rise was the strongest one-day advance in many a trading session, and several broking houses said they had to redeploy office staff as clients "came out of the woodwork".

The metal has now risen by more than $30 an ounce since April, and by $43 since March when gold was languishing at a year's low of $326.80.

The gold rush lifted silver by 29 cents to 454 cents an ounce, and platinum by $6.85 to $386.75, though markets cooled as New York opened.

Seasoned analysts had long been preaching that the fundamentals for a gold price run were growing stronger every day as their intelligence from the Far East suggested that demand for the metal was rapidly building up.


Soros: move

But when George Soros, the international speculator and currency dealer, and Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, let it be known that they had moved into gold, options and gold shares, the investing public woke up.

One Soros a summer does not make, but Tuesday's publication of *Gold 1993*, the authorative survey by Gold Fields Mineral Services, gave the gold market further encouragement. The survey detailed extensive Chinese demand for *chuk kam* (pure gold) in 1992, which made China the world's largest gold consumer last year, and suggested there had been bullion buying by China's central bank for its reserves.

Gold 1993 also noted continued strong demand in the Middle East, citing the increased number of weddings in Saudi Arabia where a typical wedding set contains one kilogram of gold, or 32.151 ounces, worth $11,895 at yesterday's world gold price.

Latest American inflation figures and yesterday's rumblings in the European Monetary System as the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo wobbled ahead of being devalued in the afternoon was further fodder for the gold bulls.

"Once investors get the bit between their teeth, there is no telling when they will spit it out again," Rob Weinberg, mining analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Securities said.

Where gold moves from here depends on how long the current excitement lasts, but if exceeds $380-$385 it stands a chance of challenging (in time) $400. If if falls, the setback (short term) could be no lower than $330-$340.

In South African currency, gold touched R1,175 (£239.8) an ounce, and the possibility that producers will sell forward after such a price jump, effectively capping the run, hangs in the air.

BT

Preliminary Results 1992/93

Results for fourth quarter and year to 31 March, 1993

	Fourth Quarter 1992/93 £m	Fourth Quarter 1991/92 £m	Full Year 1992/93 £m	Full Year 1991/92 £m
Turnover	3,430	3,413	13,242	13,337
*Operating profit	329	804	2,449	3,415
Profit before tax	240	704	1,972	3,073
Profit after tax	160	475	1,248	2,074
Earnings per share	2.4p	7.6p	19.8p	33.2p
Dividends per share (net)			15.6p	14.4p

*Operating profit for the full year is after charging redundancy costs of £1,034 million. (£575 million in the fourth quarter.)

The accounts from which these non-statutory results are extracted have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies or reported on by the auditors.

"The significant decline in earnings per share during the year is attributable to substantial redundancy and non-recurring charges. At the operating level, management has been successful in controlling costs, whilst maintaining the quality of service against the background of a virtually flat turnover.

The benefits of good cost control and the slight improvement in volume growth that has arisen since last summer, have come through in a strong fourth quarter operating performance before redundancy charges.

Although faced with increasing competition and a more restrictive price cap, BT is positioned to take advantage of an upturn in the economy.

The recommended final dividend of 9.45 pence brings the total dividend for the year to 15.6 pence, a growth of 8.3 per cent. Despite the reported earnings decline, the Board believes that this dividend reflects BT's underlying performance and financial strength".

Iain Vallance
Chairman
13 May, 1993

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STOCK MARKET

R-R fires up for the Footsie

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engine group, was flying high with a rise of 11p at 149p and now looks set to regain its position as a constituent of the index of the top 100 companies.

The group was yesterday still celebrating the news that it had landed a £389 million contract to help satisfy an order for 92 aircraft placed by Continental Airlines with Boeing in the US.

By the close of business, 14 million shares had changed hands with the group capitalised at £1.43 billion. This eclipses present constituents of the FT-SE 100 index, such as Fisons and Lasmo, by several hundred million pounds. Either **Lasmo**, 1½p better at 152p, or **Fisons**, unchanged at 172p, is expected to be dropped from the index next month after Zeneca's demerger from ICI.

Meanwhile the equity market's latest bull run was showing signs of coming apart at the seams as the FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead wiped out to finish at its low for the day, 11.5 down at 2,849.3. The fall was accelerated in late trading as the Dow Jones average came in sharply lower after Wall Street's record breaking run earlier this week.

Turnover rose to almost 800 million shares although closer examination showed that most of the business had taken place among second and third liners. "Penny dreadfuls" featured strongly as investors looked for potential recovery plays. Heavy turnover was recorded in **Oliver Resources**, up ¼p at 2½p, **Reece**, 1½p better at 7¾p, **Ratners**, 3¼p lower at 31¾p, and **International Business Communications** ½p dearer at 9p.

A $10 rise in the price of gold overnight attracted support for companies with an interest in the precious metal. **Lonrho** rose 4½p to 118½p, additionally stimulated by talk of a South African quote for its platinum mining interests. **RTZ** was another firm market adding 11p at 636p.

Rank Organisation hardened 4p to 700p after meeting brokers. Michael Gifford, the chief executive, told them trading results were marginally ahead of last year. Conditions in the UK were mixed but the US continued to improve.

BT recovered its poise after an early mark-down to end 1½p better at 404p helped by a generous dividend increase. Pre-tax profits last year fell from £3.07 billion to £1.97 billion hit by redundancy costs of more than £1 billion and a charge of £550 million to cover a pension fund deficit. A further charge of £800 million this year is also anticipated.

Shell climbed 19p to 611p after first quarter figures above City expectations. Net income rose from £864 million to £971 million. The pound's decline against the dollar helped boost the final figure. Shell's performance also lifted **BP**, by 8½p to 325p. It was also the subject of overnight buying from the United States.

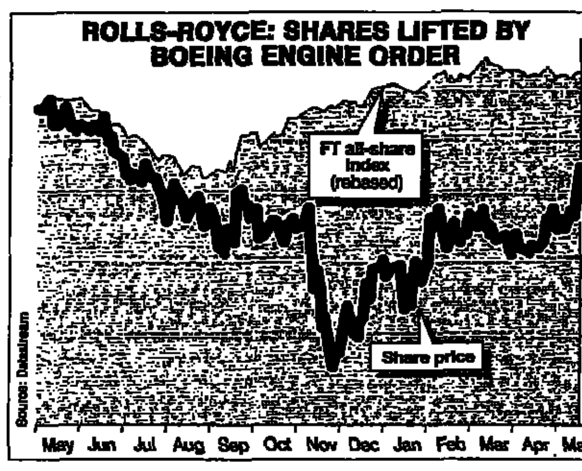
On the official grey market **Zeneca** lost a further 14p to 650p with the nil-paid dropping 12p to 54p. The new **ICI** again attracted support adding 12p to 621p, as the underlying share price eased 3½p to £12.81. Turnover failed to reach Wednesday's high levels.

The recovery is continuing at **Burton Group** where first-half pre-tax profits rose from £21.8 million to £24.7 million. Sales are up and margins improved. The shares responded with a rise of 4¾p to 84¾p.

The news from Burton also generated selective support for other stores with **Argos** adding 7p to 304p, **Laura Ashley**, 6p to 108p, **Colorvision**, 4p to 90p, **Kingfisher**, 4p to 614p, **Next**, 4p to 162p and **Tie Rack**, 3p to 131p. Further consideration of Wednesday's profits setback left **Body Shop** 4½p slimmer at 200p.

Simon Engineering fell a further 21p to 52½p in the wake of this week's profits warning. The price has fallen 47p in the past two days. **Grand Metropolitan** failed to please, falling 8p to 425p. Interim pre-tax profits were up from £394 million to £416 million but were bolstered by a £29 million gain on currency movements.

Redland firmed 2p to 508p but speculation about a bid from MB Caradon has evaporated. Redland takes a party of brokers today to see its French operations. They account for 20 per cent of group profits. Yamaichi, the broker, points out the French government is investing £1.2 billion in the construction industry.



MICHAEL CLARK

Danka to lift payout by a fifth

Danka Business Systems is lifting its total dividend by 20 per cent, after a rise in pre-tax profit from £10.8 million to £17.5 million in the year to March 31. The improvement reflects contributions from nine acquisitions. Sales increased from £115 million to £186.3 million. A four-for-one share split is proposed.

David Snell, finance director, said: "Our cash flow remains strong. Danka has continued its acquisition programme with relatively minor increases in debt."

ICI disposal

ICI is selling its dry ice business to Hydrogas, a subsidiary of Norway's Norsk Hydro, for an undisclosed sum. Hydrogas will build a new UK production plant, to be commissioned next year. The sale will enable ICI to concentrate on its liquid CO_2 business.

Gavron goes

Robert Gavron is stepping down as chairman of St Ives, the printing group he founded, after 29 years. His successor is Miles Emley, deputy chairman since October. Mr Gavron and shareholders connected with his family have sold 6.7 million shares, cutting their stake to 8.5 per cent.

Airline fails

Nationair, Canada's third-largest airline, has failed, owing C$75 million (£38.5 million). The carrier has been under bankruptcy protection since March 22, while it attempted to put together a refinancing package.

Tilbury sells

Tilbury Douglas is selling its concrete and aggregates business to its management for £14.7 million. Of that sum, £5.5 million is being paid as a dividend, and the balance in cash on completion.

WORLD MARKETS

Inflation fears dent Dow in early trade

New York — Blue chips were down in mid-morning but above earlier lows. Gold issues rose as a higher-than-expected April consumer price index rise fanned inflation fears. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 15 to 3,468.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed after a rollercoaster session as arbitrage unwinding wiped away early gains. The Nikkei average was down 82.42 points to 20,532.78.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market closed just below the day's high after last-minute profit taking. The Dax index ended 10.33 higher at 1,639.79.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares were hit by poor jobs data to close lower despite an early rally. The all-ordinaries index fell 1.3 points to 1,694.4.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed at a record for a second straight day as improved sentiment drove prices higher. The Hang Seng index rose 106.16 points to close at 7,108.76.

☐ **Singapore** — Surging demand for blue chips led the 30-share Straits Times industrial index to a record 1,858.71, up 30.13 points.

Reuter

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities were again on the slide yesterday as investors anxiously awaited details of the next gilts auction due today.

Brokers say the coupon on the issue is likely to be pitched between 12 and 15 years. As a result, existing issues drifted lower on lack of support. Attempts at a rally were quickly wiped out by the latest US consumer price index indicating an increase in inflationary pressures.

In futures, the June series of the long gilt saw all of Wednesday's rally lost, ending the session £½ down at £103¾, after falling as low as £103 21/32. A total of 33,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, longs suffered the bulk of losses with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 falling 15 ticks to £103 7/8, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was only three ticks lower at £109½.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¾% 1993	101	...	12.36	5.77
103	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.87
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 †	...	13.20	5.63
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.67
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.58	5.73
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	...	12.61	5.74
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	...	9.59	5.89
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.59	6.01
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104 †	...	8.64	6.08
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	10.99	6.21
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.13	5.37
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.50	6.38
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114 †	...	11.16	6.50
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.92	6.79
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.50	6.93
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 †	-	11.34	6.93
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109 †	-	9.15	6.96
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	...	11.10	7.19
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.46	7.12
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	...	8.26	7.11
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.69	7.40
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.90	7.30
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.20	7.09
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.84	7.08
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.55	7.63
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118	...	10.09	7.71
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	...	8.73	7.55
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.16	7.80
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	...	9.25	7.66
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	...	9.08	7.71
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	...	8.41	7.64
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.29	8.08
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	...	8.96	7.98
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 †	-	11.15	7.75
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.83	8.13
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99 †	-	8.03	8.06
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	-	8.93	8.25
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	...	9.71	8.25
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	-	4.99	7.49
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	-	8.79	8.38
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.78	8.40
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 †	-	9.86	8.59
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.21	8.36
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.72	8.54
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	-	8.47	8.46
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-	10.06	8.60
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	-	8.62	8.48
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.36	8.51
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	-	8.66	8.57
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	-	8.66	8.58
78	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.49	8.26
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.38	8.32
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130 †	-	9.21	8.79
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	-	8.63	8.62
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	...	8.63	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40 †	-	8.64	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.66	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.32	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.58	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	132 †	...	...	1.06
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	+	2.00	2.74
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	...	2.46	3.02
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	-	2.92	3.25
163	158	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160 xd	-	3.02	3.29
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	...	3.15	3.42
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	...	3.13	3.34
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151 †	+	3.33	3.52
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	+	3.41	3.58
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.47	3.63
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.54	3.69
137	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	+	3.59	3.72
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.62	3.74
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	+	3.63	3.76

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Cussins	88p (+10p)
Liberty Life	868p (+29p)
J Smart	220p (+10p)
Diploma	468p (+10p)
Johnston	149p (+14p)
Sothebys	775p (+25p)
BSS Group	480p (+15p)
Sappi	427p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Bass	534p (-11p)
Grand Met	422p (-11p)
Utd Biscuits	415p (-10p)
J Sainsbury	454p (-13p)
Argyll	314p (-11p)
Reckitt Colman	563p (-11p)
Lon Intl	186p (-10p)
Simon Eng	52½p (-21p)
Weir	620p (-14p)
Wellcome	742p (-24p)
Inchcape	564p (-16p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Agg (25)	32	...
David Brown (170)	227	-1
Fleming Emerg Mkts	105	...
Gaelic Res Wts	1	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	+1
Holliday Chem (195)	215	...
Irish Continental	160	...
Oriental Smlr Co Wts	40	...
Pilkington Wts	33	-½
Regent Inns (135)	149	...
Stagecoach (112)	123	...
Westminster Hlthcre	293	-1
RIGHTS ISSUES		
AAF n/p (175)	20	...
Atlas Convrg Equip n/p	106	...
Avesco n/p (63)	25	...
EIS n/p (340)	21	...
Headlam n/p (92)	46	-6
Hunting n/p (185)	18	-½
Meyer Intl n/p (290)	69	+3
Newmark (L) n/p (60)	4	...
Severfield Reeve n/p (32)	8	...

WALL STREET

	May 13 midday	May 12 close
AMP Inc	62¾	62⅝
AMR Corp	68	68⅝
Abbott Labs	26½	27
Aetna Life	53	53⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	17	18
Air Prod & Chem	43	43½
Albertson's	55⅞	56
Alcan Alumnm	18⅜	18
Alco Standard	46⅞	47
Allied Signal	63⅞	64
Alum Co of Am	66⅜	66
Amax	17⅝	17
Amerada Hess	52⅞	53
Amer Brands	31¼	32⅜
Amer Cyanamid	50⅞	51¼
Amer El Power	34½	35
Amer Express	27	28
Amer Genl Corp	29⅞	30⅜
Amer Home Pr	64⅞	65
Amer Intl	128	129⅞
Amer Stores	41¼	42
Amer T & T	54½	55⅞
Ameritech	73⅞	74
Amoco	55⅞	55
Anheuser-Busch	50⅞	51¼
Apple Computer	54⅞	53
Archer Daniels	23⅞	24
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	30⅞	31¼
Asarco	19⅞	18
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	123⅞	123
Auto Data Pro	48⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	30⅞	30⅞
Avon Products	54⅞	54
Baker Hughes	27	28⅜
Baltim Gas & El	24	25
Banc One	52⅞	53⅜
BankAmerica	45⅞	46
Bank of NY	53⅞	54⅝
Bankers Tr NY	70⅜	71½
Barnett Banks	42⅞	44
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	53
Baxter Intl	29⅞	29⅞
Bectn Dicknsn	35⅞	36
Bell Atlantic	52	52⅞
BellSouth	51¼	52⅞
Black & Decker	18⅜	19
Block (H&R)	32⅞	32
Boeing	39⅞	39⅞
Boise Cascade	26⅞	26⅞
Borden Inc	21¼	21¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	59⅞
Browning Ferris	25⅞	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	55	55
CBS	232	237
CNA Financial	92	95
CPC Intl	43⅞	44
CSX	72	73⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39
Can Pacific	16½	16
Cpd Cities ABC	518⅜	520
Cpd Holdings	36⅞	37
Carolina Pwr	32	32
Caterpillar	70	69⅞
Central & SW	31¼	32
Champion Intl	33	33⅞
Chase Manhat	30	30⅞
Chemical Bk	37	39
Chevron Corp	87	88
Chrysler	42⅞	43
Chubb Corp	87	89
Cigna Corp	61¼	61½
Citicorp	27⅞	28
Clorox	49½	49⅜
Coastal Corp	26	26¼
Coca Cola	39	39⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅞	61¼
Columbia Gas	21½	21½
Commonw Ed	26	27
Compaq Comp	49⅞	49
Comp Ass Intl	25⅞	25⅞
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	34¼	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	51¼	51¼
Cons Rail	52⅞	52⅞
Cooper Inds	47⅞	48
Corning Inc	34½	35
Crown Cork	37⅞	38⅞
Dana Corp	48⅞	49⅞
Dayton Hudson	72	73¼
Deere	57	58⅞
Delta Air Lines	57	56⅞
Deluxe Corp	45	45⅞
Detroit Edison	34½	35
Digital Equip	45⅞	46
Dillard Dept St	39⅞	40⅞
Disney (Walt)	38⅞	39⅞
Dominion Res	43⅞	44
Donelley (RR)	27⅞	28
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	53⅞	53⅞
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	21¼	21¼
Duke Power	37⅞	38⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅞	60
Du Pont	51¼	51¼
Eastman Kodak	51	53
Eaton Corp	85	86

	May 13 midday	May 12 close
Emerson Elec	58⅞	59
Engelhard Corp	31	31
Enron Corp	57	58
Entergy Corp	33⅞	34
Ethyl Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Exxon	64	64⅞
FMC Corp	43⅞	44
FPL Group	38	38⅞
Federal Express	50⅞	52
Fed Nat Mrtge	76⅞	77
First Chicago	38⅞	39
First Interstate	54	55
First Union Rty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	30	31
Fluor Corp	38	39⅞
Ford Motor	54⅞	55⅞
GTE Corp	35	36
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Cinema	35	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	95⅞	95
Gen Electric	92	93
Gen Mills	66	66
Gen Motors	40	41
Gen Reinsurnce	113	114⅞
Gen Signal	62	62
Genuine Parts	35	35⅞
Georgia Pac	65	65⅞
Gillette	52	52⅞
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	39	40
Grace (W&R)	39	39⅞
Gt Atl Pac Tea	29⅞	29
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	40	40⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37½	37
Hercules	72	73⅞
Hershey Foods	52⅞	53
Hewlett Packard	76⅞	78
Hilton Hotels	44½	45
Home Depot	43	43
Homestake Mng	18⅞	17½
Honeywell	35	35
Household Intl	66	66⅞
Houston Inds	44	45½
Humana	10	10
ITT Corp	81	82
Illinois Tool	71¼	72
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	33⅞
Inland Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Intel Corp	96	98
IBM	47	48
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅞	116
Intl Paper	66	66
James River Va	19	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	43⅞
K Mart	23	23⅞
Kellogg	57	58
Kerr-McGee	51¼	52⅞
Kimberly-Clark	48	48⅞
Knight-Ridder	55	56
Lilly (Eli)	49⅞	49⅞
Limited Inc	22	22⅞
LIN Brdcstng	87	88
Lincoln Nat	79⅞	79
Litton	59⅞	60
Liz Claiborne	35⅞	35
Lockheed Corp	63	64
Louisiana Pac	63	64
MCI Commun	48⅞	48⅞
Marriott	25⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLen	89⅞	90
Masco Corp	32	32⅞
May Dept St	73¼	73⅞
Maytag Corp	14	14⅞
McCaw Cellular	40	40
McDonalds	48	49⅞
McDonnell D	61	62
McGraw Hill	59⅞	59⅞
Mead Corp	44	45
Medtronic	67	69
Mellon Bk	54	55
Melville Corp	45⅞	46
Merck Inc	35	36
Merrill Lynch	69	71¼
Minnesota Mine	114⅞	115
Mobil Corp	69⅞	69⅞
Monsanto	54⅞	54
Morgan (JP)	66⅞	66⅞
Motorola Inc	74	76
Natl Medical	8	8
Natl Semi	14	14
Natl Service Ind	26	26⅞
Navistar Int	2	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	30	31
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	51	50
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	73	74
NL Industries	3⅞	4
Nordstrom	28	29
Norfolk Sthrn	61	61
Nthn State Pwr	44	45⅞
Norwest Corp	49	50
Nynex Corp	82⅞	83
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	23	24
Oracle Systems	38	39

	May 13 midday	May 12 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	39⅞	39⅞
PNC Financial	31¼	32
PPG Industries	71	72
Paccar Inc	57	57
Pacificorp	17½	18
Pac Enterprises	23	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	32	33
Pac Telesis	46	47
Pall Corp	19	19⅞
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramnt Comm	50⅞	51¼
Parker Hannifin	31¼	31¼
Penney (JC)	45	45
Pennzoil	65	64
Pepsico	36⅞	37
Pfizer	68	69
Phelps Dodge	46	45
Philadel Elec	29	28⅞
Philip Morris	50⅞	50
Phillips Pet	30	30
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	34⅞	35
Price Co	28⅞	29
Primerica	45⅞	46
Procter & Gmbl	48⅞	49
Pub Serv E & G	33½	33⅞
Quaker Oats	69⅞	69
Ralston Purina	47	48
Raychem Corp	42	42
Raytheon	56⅞	57
Reebok Intl	37	38
Reynolds Metals	44	44
Roadway Srvcs	56	59⅞
Rockwell Intl	31½	32
Rohm & Haas	54	54⅞
Royal Dutch	92	91
Rubbermaid	31¼	31¼
Safeco Corp	56	57
St Paul's Cos	81	82
Salomon Inc	36⅞	37
Santa Fe S Pac	17	17
Sara Lee Corp	24	25
Scecorp	47	48
Schering Plough	64⅞	66
Schlumberger	64⅞	65
Scott Paper	35⅞	35⅞
Seagram	29	29
Sears Roebuck	54	54
Shell Trans	58	59
Sherwin Wlims	32⅞	33⅞
Skyline Corp	18⅞	18
Snap-On-Tools	37	37
Southern Co	40	41
Sthwestern Bell	75	76
Sprint Corp	29	30
Stanley Works	44	45
Sun Company	25	26
Suntrust	44	45
Supervalu	32	33
Syntex Corp	18	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	65	64⅞
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	29	30
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	44	45
Tenneco	50	50
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	61	62
Texas Utilities	45	46
Textron	49	49
Time Warner	33⅞	34
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	53⅞	54
Toys R Us	36⅞	37
Transamerica	48	49
Travelers Corp	27	28
Tribune	53⅞	53
Tyco Labs	39	40
UAL Corp	135	136
UST Inc	29	30
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	111	111
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	18	19
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	11	12
USAIR Group	21	21
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	36	37
US West	41	42
United Tech	51	51
Unocal Corp	31	31
Upjohn	29	30
VF Corp	47	47
Wal-Mart Stores	26	27
Warner-Lambert	73	74
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32
Wells Fargo	104	106
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	43	43
Whirlpool	54	55
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	29	29
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
Mr. Registrar Buckley
No. 003741 of 1993

IN THE MATTER OF MAXWELL COMMUNICATION CORPORATION PLC
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated 7th May 1993 made in the above matter, the Court has directed a Meeting to be convened of the Scheme Creditors (as defined in the Scheme of Arrangement hereinafter mentioned) of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and its Scheme Creditors and that such meeting will be held at The Cafe Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1, England at 2.30 p.m. (London time) on 1st July 1993, at which place and time all such Scheme Creditors are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of proxy, copies of the Explanatory Statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 426 of the above-mentioned Act and other related documents ("the Documents") at Price Waterhouse (Ref: JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, England, during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting. Creditors who are owners of ECU 8⅝% bearer bonds 1988/93 (the "ECU Bonds"), Deutsche Mark 6% bearer bonds 1988/93 (the "DM Bonds") or Swiss Franc 5% bearer bonds 1988/95 (the "Swiss Franc 5% Bonds") issued by the Company (the "Bondholders") can also obtain copies of the Documents by contacting the agent bank for the relevant bond issue, namely Bayerische Vereinsbank AG at Kardinal-Faulhaber Strasse 14, 80331 München, Federal Republic of Germany in respect of the ECU Bonds and DM Bonds, or Swiss Volksbank at Bahnhofstrasse 53, 8021 Zürich, Switzerland, in respect of the Swiss Franc 5% Bonds.

The said Scheme Creditors may vote in person at such Meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a Scheme Creditor or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their place. To be valid, forms of proxy must be lodged with the Administrators at Price Waterhouse (Ref:JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL, England, no later than 2.30 p.m. (London time) on 1st July 1993, but if not so lodged, they may be submitted at the said Meeting. Special voting arrangements have been made for Bondholders details of which are set out in the Documents.

By the said Order, the Court has appointed Andrew Mark Homan or, failing him, Alan Rae Dalziel Jamieson or, failing him, Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips or, failing him, Colin Graham Bird to act as Chairman of the said meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 14th day of May 1993

NORTON ROSE
Kempson House
Camomile Street
London EC3A 7AN

Solicitors to the Administrators of the Company

LEGAL NOTICES

German City Estates N.V. established at Amsterdam

Notice is hereby given that at the annual general meeting of shareholders held on 11th May 1993, the dividend for the year 1992 was fixed at NLG 0.60 per share of NLG 5.00 nominal value.

The dividend, less 25% dividend tax resulting in a net payment of NLG 0.45, will be payable as from 21st May 1993 at any office of Internationale Nederlanden Bank N.V.

Cash dividends on shares in K form will be paid in exchange for coupon number 1. Those holding CF shares may claim dividends through the holder of the dividend coupon sheet.

Amsterdam, 12th May 1993
The Board of Directors

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To send in particulars of Debts or Claims
RE:STEELE'S INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 18th June 1993 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Mr Robert P Welby FCA, Harris Lipman, 2 Mountview Court, 310 Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone, London N20 0LD, Liquidator of the Company, and if so required by notice of writing by the said Liquidator either personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

DATED this 7 May 1993
ROBERT P WELBY, FCA
LIQUIDATOR

NOTE: This Notice is purely formal and all known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

No. 003064 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of REALISATION COMPANY PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 6 May 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company amounting to £9,923,148 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7 May 1993.

Dated the 7 May 1993
LINKLATERS & PAINES
Solicitors to the Company

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Associated Coatings Limited
Registered number: 1693467. Former company name: Corrosion Systems Limited. Trade classification: 3490. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Clifford Powell and Anthony John Patrick Brereton (office holder nos: 7862 and 5884). Address: York House York Street Manchester M2 4WS.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Humber Asphalt Limited
Registered number: 1167859. Nature of business: Road Surfacing Contractor. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 5 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Horsfield (office holder nos: 8936 and 5899). Address: Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WARSTEINER (UK) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Warsteiner (UK) Limited by the Secretary of State on 5 May 1993.
DATED this 11th day of May 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Universal Metal Sprayers Limited
Registered number: 1798074. Trade classification: 3940. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Clifford Powell and Anthony John Patrick Brereton (office holder nos: 7862 and 5884). Address: York House York Street Manchester M2 4WS.

LEGAL NOTICES

ZENITH RESOURCES LTD (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS. On 23 April 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 10 June 1993.

The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 12 July 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 10 June 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated: 28.4.93
M. Fishman, Liquidator.

No. 001771 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the matter of Sovereign Finance plc
And in the matter of the Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 31 March 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £31,194,928 to £24,795,606 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 14 April 1993.

Dated this 14th day of May 1993.
TAYLOR JOYNSON GARRETT
Solicitors for the above-named Company of Carmelite,
50 Victoria Embankment
Blackfriars London EC4Y 0DX

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN PEACH DECEASED (valued at approximately £150,000) late of 16 Welbeck Close, Manor Road, Burgess Hill Sussex who died on 12th March 1991.

Will anyone who has any information as to the whereabouts of R Wilkins and R Grantham, whose names are in the Will of the deceased dated 21st October 1969, or any one claiming to be related to the deceased and therefore possibly entitled to a share of his Estate on intestacy, contact Messrs Steel & Shamash, 9 Baylis Road, London SE1 7AA Tel No. 071 633 0333 Ref: MR, within 14 days from today's date.

The Estate of Mary Imelda Heagney deceased

The next of Kin of Mary Imelda Heagney deceased late of Harewood Street Middlesbrough Cleveland who is believed to have had connections with the Workington area of Cumbria and who died on 13th September 1991, are asked to contact Messrs Lauristons of 85 Borough Road Middlesbrough Cleveland Telephone 0642 247966/242208. The net estate of the deceased is approximately £40,000.

Direct line to private circuits helps rivals tap BT profits

AT&T's move into the UK telecom market will bring few changes to domestic users, though businesses could benefit, writes Mark Newman



Driven to change: BT profitability will be challenged as the group leases private circuits to competitors

British Telecom, which reported a fall in profits of more than £1 billion yesterday, faces another challenge to its profitability in the months and years ahead. American Telephone & Telegraph last month applied for a UK telecommunications licence and, with several other telephone companies, is preparing to come to the UK and give BT and Mercury a run for their money. They think they can offer a full range of international services to large businesses without ever needing to dig up the roads and install networks of telephone lines. Their services will use private circuits leased from BT and Mercury. In some cases, they will provide private network services to multinationals in different countries with dedicated private circuits.

All AT&T needs to do to cream off some of BT's most lucrative business is install a telephone exchange — costing £10 million — in London, and connect companies to the exchange with telephone lines leased from BT or Mercury. From its London exchange, AT&T can route calls anywhere in the world. The group will first target US companies that use its service in America.

Where necessary, and national regulations permitting, the telephone companies will switch calls from private networks into and out of ordinary public telephone networks. They will pay fixed monthly charges for the private circuits but the use of local networks will be charged per minute and by the time of day.

The only infrastructure necessary to provide such services is made up of switches to route calls and computer software that tells the call whether to travel along BT, Mercury, AT&T or any other operator's lines. This process of buying private circuits from a telephone operator, and selling services to users is called resale. It makes it relatively easy for other firms to move in on BT and Mercury.

Daniel Briere, managing director of Telechoice, a US telecommunications consultant, says once it has established itself, "all their customers will go over to AT&T".

Calls to America will be routed from the London exchange via international private circuits leased from BT, and land on the east coast of America. AT&T can then pick up the call and route it via its American long-distance telephone network. It is a little more difficult to send calls into Europe. France and Germany, for example, are fierce guardians of their national monopolies. One option would be for AT&T to hand over its European calls to BT or Mercury at the London exchange. But AT&T would have to pay Mercury or BT the same international rate as any big user, and thus would not generate any cost savings.

There is an alternative that at first looks a long-winded way of delivering a telephone call, but which makes good commercial sense. To deliver a call from the UK to France, AT&T could get round French regulations by sending it from the UK to America and then back into France. There are no rules to stop AT&T doing this because the call will be handled in the same way as calls to France originated in America. It is cost effective for AT&T because the cost of delivering a call depends on how many switches are needed to route it, not distance travelled.

AT&T already routes calls around the world in this way. It has a calling card service called USA Direct that allows customers travelling or working overseas to call home. A new service called World Connect allows AT&T customers to send calls to America and elsewhere. These are all routed via America rather than taking the direct route between two countries. Calls from one European country to another cross the Atlantic twice.

Resale is only possible because huge margins exist in the international telephone businesses of companies like BT and AT&T. BT's rate of return on its international call business is close to 80 per cent, despite the fact that prices have fallen by more than 25 per cent in real terms since the mid-1980s. Calls between adjoining European countries cost on average three times as much as long-distance national calls.

AT&T is not the only telephone company seeking this opportunity to come in and undercut BT and Mercury. Thirteen companies have applied to the trade department for the right to offer international telephone services and 11 intend to set up resale operations. As well as AT&T, Swedish Telecom, and the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation have applied to offer resale services between the UK and their home markets. Like AT&T, they will target UK subsidiaries of companies that are customers in their home markets. For Australian or Swedish companies, this has a number of benefits. Instead of having to maintain accounts with separate telephone companies, they can put everything on the same bill and have the same team handling UK and domestic accounts.

Other applicants are niche players, entrepreneurs who aim to exploit the inflated prices of international services and win business by pricing calls on main routes at large discounts to BT. One such company is Swiftcall, which planned to set up a resale business and quoted flat-rate all-day charges of 25p a minute to America, 65p a minute to Japan and 50p a minute to Hong Kong. These prices compare with BT's standard rate charge of 48p a minute for calls to America, £1.10p to Japan and 86p to Hong Kong. Swiftcall has had its licence application rejected because the government did not like the way it was routing calls to these countries. But it gives an idea of the prices resellers will be offering. BT will not sit idly by and see competitors walk away with big accounts. BT and other telephone monopolies in Europe have already begun to respond to the challenge posed by resellers and cut prices on those routes that are most vulnerable. BT, France Telecom and PTT Telecom Netherlands cut prices on calls to North America by up to 25 per cent this year.

Allen Porter, managing director of AITT, the UK communications consultancy, believes arbitrageurs such as Swiftcall will find established telephone companies like AT&T and BT muscling in on their business as a way of positioning themselves in rivals' markets. BT applied to offer resale services from America to the UK — the reverse of that which AT&T intends to do — in March. Mr Porter believes arbitrageurs are likely to win some business, but telephone companies will squeeze them out of the market by price-cutting as has begun to happen on routes to America. They could also find their financial gains are wiped out on some routes because they are charged high prices for connecting their private circuits to local networks.

Resale gives the opportunity for more competition and for UK firms to cut their bills. It is hard to see benefits for residential users. But they can rest assured AT&T's arrival will not mean roads have to be dug up before the tarmac put down by BT's local network rivals — the cable television companies — gets the chance to harden.

TEMPUS

Dialling the numbers

BT transmitted an unequivocal message to the rest of British industry yesterday. If other companies discover that the Chancellor's dividend tax changes have left a hole in their pension funds, they had better hope their digital exchanges are longer-lived than they previously thought.

The fine-tuning of BT's accounts, which is cutting the depreciation charge by £100 million a year is a smart way to lessen the pain of the £750 million pension shortfall but it did not repair all the damage. City forecasts of current-year profits fell by £300 million yesterday as analysts toted up the cost of the voluntary redundancy scheme, the £90 million rise in pension contributions and the interest cost of the planned £800 million pension injection. From next year, however, the £100 million saving on depreciation shows an uncanny symmetry to the additional £90 million cost of supporting the pensioners.

Fortunately for the government, BT has cleared all this out of the way now, so it will not be a nasty shock in the BT3 prospectus in July. Indeed BT seems to be everything to ensure the share sale is a success. The group's performance yesterday was uncharacteristically upbeat, backed by the heartening 0.5 per cent rise in fourth-quarter turnover. The 8 per cent rise in the dividend shows that it has completely decoupled from earnings performance, a revelation that naturally excited the institutions that invest for income.

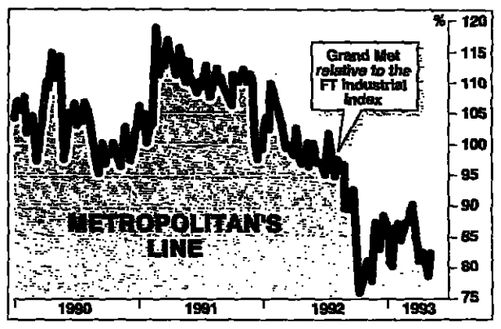
The pension black hole does not augur well for corporate earnings since it is unlikely to be the last. But it is good news for the stock market. When BT injects the £800 million into the fund, its managers will plough it back into equities. If only they were allowed to invest it in the BT3 sale, even the grey men of the Treasury, who plotted the cut in dividend tax relief, might manage a wry smile.

GrandMet

"BRANDS, brands, brands", chant the men from Grand Metropolitan, but a glance at the group's interim figures reveals the heavy cost of maintaining a portfolio of branded food and drink. GrandMet spent £464 million on marketing in the half-year, the same in local currency as last time. As a result, none of the cash generated from its £4.05 billion sales trickled down to its balance sheet. Debts before exchange-rate translation rose £47 million.

GrandMet has spent up to $700 million developing the businesses it bought with Pillsbury in 1988, almost a fifth of the original purchase price. In addition, it cannot resist making regular acquisitions to broaden its spirits portfolio. The result is net debt of £3.16 billion, plus another £1.2 billion off balance sheet at Inntrepreneur, its 50 per cent associate. Sir Allen Sheppard is unfazed by the level of borrowing, but the market wishes the group would slow down for a couple of years to reduce the burden. The company has thus been trading at a wide discount to the market for more than a year. The market may soon get what it wants. The main spending at Pillsbury is over, as the turnaround of almost £200 million in free cash flow shows. While there are other financial demands on the horizon GrandMet's brands may soon be paying their way.

Disposals should accelerate the pay down. Pearle is now so close to breakeven that a sale cannot be far away. The group may not be a long-term holder of its public house interests either. After all, Sir Allen is always looking for the next deal and will not want to be saddled with old debt in this brave, post-recessionary world.



Burton

THE 26 per cent fall in interim earnings per share at Burton Group is the price of honesty and active management. The honesty came last year when the group decided the City would no longer accept its policy of capitalising interest on its shrinking property portfolio. The active management was last January's best practice review, when Burton decided the workforce had to suit the needs of the company rather than vice-versa.

The two features may have depressed profits but they have transformed the group's standing on the stock market. The 85p share price is well ahead of the most optimistic forecasts.

Burton will not easily be able to increase its market share beyond 13 per cent. So John Hoerner must enhance the profitability within existing constraints. The first step towards attacking the cost base has been made by the move to part-time staff. Now the group must rationalise its kaleidoscope of retail brands to suit the high streets where they are sited. The task will be time-consuming, but rewarding. After all, Burton made sales of £1.07 billion in the last half year. Apply a standard retailing margin to that and the profit looks attractive indeed.

Land Securities

THE surprise announcement of Land Securities' results one week ahead of schedule says more about suspicions of bigger issues from property companies later this month than Land Securities' own modest convertible.

It is the company's first fund raising since the £200 million debenture issue in 1991 but at 6 per cent of shareholders' funds, it hardly represents a mouthful.

Land Securities is a soundly managed company and has been steadily shifting the focus of its investment activity away from the depressed London office market to areas where it perceives growth opportunity, namely retail and industrial property. The better than expected result from the year-end valuation reflects that change of emphasis and the effect of overseas buying of quality London office property. The rush to buy has chased down yields on overrented London properties, slowing the decline in value caused by falling market rents.

Companies like Land Securities cannot afford to rely too much on overseas buyers. The shares are currently trading at a 9 per cent premium to net asset value, and with no growth in assets on the horizon the attraction of the stock is its dividend yield, currently over 5 per cent. The company admits that income is likely to remain at current levels and it is therefore difficult to see the shares going higher until demand returns to the underlying market.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Wrong number for Dr Vallance

DR Elizabeth Vallance, wife of BT's dapper and well-heeled chairman, has been doing her bit to help her husband fight off the unwelcome attentions of Videotron, a southeast London cable television company that is trying to tap into the domestic phone market. Elizabeth, chairman of St. George's hospital trust in Wandsworth, southwest London, and an occasional lecturer, answered a knock on the door at her home in Norwood this week to find none other than a Videotron representative on the doormat, offering to undercut BT's prices by 40 per cent. Her response cannot be printed and she sent the rep off with a flea in his ear, but Videotron says it will keep up the fight. It appears that the Vallances have already signed up for Videotron's cable TV service, and the company says it is just a matter of time until they crack under the pressure and rake the phone service too. "If he's sensible, he will sign up for the telephone service right away," says a spokesman. "It would help him assess the competition."

Nessun Dorma

YET another sign that the recession is drawing to a close emerged this week when the great and good of London society flocked to an evening at Covent Garden...with a difference. About 600 revellers, including Jeremy Beadle, the Marquis of Bath, Elaine Page and Carlo Colombotti, the Italian financier, descended beneath the Opera House for an almighty thrash to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Maxwell's, the group run by Brian Stein, the publicity-shy London restaurateur. The venue, the new Maxwell's 21st birthday restaurant, was built from scratch inside the Royal Opera House's wardrobe rooms over six months and at a cost of more than £2 million. The bill for sound-proofing alone came to at least £100,000 — ensuring that diners are not disturbed by the warbling upstairs. Guests were treated to a laser display and a champagne fountain of Perrier Jouet. "Judging by the size of my hangover, it must have been a great party, at least everybody tells me it was," says Stein, who lives near Maidenhead and pilots his own helicopter.

Late accounts

ACCOUNTANTS are not usually known for their sense of humour, but appear to have cornered the market when it comes to excuses for being late for work. A survey of typical excuses reveals that employees have blamed everything from "a bear in the street holding up traffic" to "a plane landing on the motorway". The survey by Accountemps, a financial recruitment consultant, shows a tendency to rely on animals. One unfortunate staffer blamed his late arrival on "having to look after a dog who had been sick after eating the Christmas tree decorations". Stretching the imagination, another blamed "a husband who was inconsolable after the death of his pet spider". They get worse. Other excuses ranged from "having to find matching socks" to "the wind blowing in the wrong direction".

Best foot forward

CITY gents have a reputation for sartorial elegance, and the British Lions squad, which flew to New Zealand last night for an eight-week tour, are determined not to let the side down. The 30-man squad, including Peter "Winters" Winterbottom, Eurobond dealer with Tullett & Tokyo, Tony Underwood, of Lehman Brothers, and Brian "Pit Bull" Moore, a corporate lawyer with Edward Lewis, a City law firm, have been decked out with Church's English brogues to wear with their No.1 kit. The mammoth task of measuring and fitting the most famous feet in British rugby was undertaken in just two weeks instead of the usual 12 due to fears of selection leaks before the formal team announcement was made.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



"You're redundant"

BUSINESS LETTER

Power prices need review

From Mr David Porter,

Sir, It is reasonable for the electricity regulator to examine generators' prices in the electricity pool ('Generators ordered to explain price rises', report, May 6).

But, in December 1992 he reported that the major generators' revenue from pool prices did not meet their average avoidable costs. In other words, pool prices were then unrealistically low. This affects not only National Power and PowerGen but it damages other smaller producers and is neither sensible nor sustainable.

Your report did, however, point to costs in those parts of the electricity industry which are less competitive than the generating sector. Domestic and small-business users pay their local suppliers on average about 8.75p per unit. Compare this with the price of pooled power, sold by the generators last year at about 2.3p per unit. It is on the components of the 6p difference that some attention should be focused, and where there is a need for more thought and perhaps more competition.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PORTER,
Chief Executive,
Association of Independent Electricity Producers,
Herodsfoot,
Liskeard, Cornwall.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Chapter 11
Case No. 91 B 15741 (TLB)
Jointly Administered

In re
MAXWELL COMMUNICATION CORPORATION plc, et al
Debtors.

NOTICE FIXING TIME FOR THE FILING OF ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS OF THE PLAN, OF THE HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, AND FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION

TO ALL CREDITORS, EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 26, 1993, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), approved the proposed Debtor's Disclosure Statement in Relation to Plan of Reorganization and Related Scheme of Arrangement for Maxwell Communication Corporation plc, dated February 26, 1993 and filed by Andrew Mark Homan, Colin Graham Bird, Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips and Alan Rae Dalziel Jamieson, joint administrators (the "Joint Administrators"), as amended and filed on April 26, 1993 and modified as reflected on the record of the April 26, 1993 hearing (as so approved, the "Approved Disclosure Statement"), as containing adequate information to enable creditors of the above-captioned Debtor to make an informed judgement about the Debtor's Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization dated February 11, 1993 (the "Plan"). The Court also approved certain supplemental materials in connection with the solicitation of acceptances of the Plan and the forms of ballot for those creditors entitled to vote on the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that by order of the Court dated April 26, 1993 (the "Order"), the Joint Administrators are directed to transmit to all holders of Class 3A Claims, the United States Trustee, and all parties who have filed and served requests for notice, on or before May 14, 1993, by regular mail or air mail, copies of the Order, the approved Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Scheme, the Explanatory Statement and certain of the approved supplementary solicitation materials, including ballots (for those entitled to vote).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Order, the only votes that will be counted are those that are properly completed, executed, marked and received by Doelin, Recano & Company, Inc., as agent for MCC, at the UK Creditors Meeting, which will be held at The Cafe Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1, England on July 1, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. (London time), or, with respect to claims other than those relating to bearer bonds issued by MCC, at P.O. Box 2034, Murray Hill Station, New York, New York 10156-0701, on or before July 1, 1993.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Plan, the following classes of creditors are designated as unimpaired:

Class 1: U.S. Priority Claims and Preferential Liabilities
Class 2A: Allowed Set-off Claims
Class 2B: Allowed Secured Claims

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Plan, the following classes of creditors are impaired, will receive no distributions and retain no property on account of the Plan and are therefore deemed to have rejected the Plan in accordance with Section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code:

Class 3B: Allowed Subordinated Claims
Class 4: Allowed Equity Interests

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that as a consequence of Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Order, a holder of a Class 3A Claim will only be entitled to vote on the Plan to the extent that such Claim has not been objected to by the Debtor for voting purposes within 10 days of receipt of the ballot. The Joint Administrators will give written notice of objections to the creditor and the notice of objection shall state the amount of the claim, if any, which the Joint Administrators are prepared to allow for voting purposes. A claim to which the Joint Administrators have objected will be ineligible for voting unless allowed for such purposes by the Court. Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure further provides that:

Notwithstanding objection to a claim or interest, the court after notice and a hearing may temporarily allow the claim or interest in an amount which the court deems proper for the purpose of accepting or rejecting a plan.

Any motion, pursuant to Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, for allowance of a claim for voting purposes shall be heard before the Honorable Tina L. Brozman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on July 8, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 621-2 at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Order, Section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 3020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, a hearing will be held to consider confirmation of the Plan before the Honorable Tina L. Brozman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on July 14, 1993 at 10:00 a.m., in Room 621-2 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408 (the "Confirmation Hearing"). The Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice other than by an announcement of such adjournment in Court on the date scheduled for the Confirmation Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the Order, any and all objections to confirmation of the Plan (a) shall be in writing; (b) shall set forth with particularity the basis therefor; and (c) shall be filed with the Court with a copy to the Chambers of the Honorable Tina L. Brozman at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408, together with proof of service, and served in a manner so that they are received on or before 5:00 p.m. New York time on July 1, 1993 by the following parties:

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Dated: New York, New York
April 26, 1993

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BY ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT:
HONORABLE TINA L. BROZMAN
United States Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
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BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.74	110.95	+0.28	1.87
-do- Inc	94.31	100.86†	+0.25	1.87
Global Bond	28.97	30.73	...	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.77	56.44	-0.03	4.06
-do- Inc	38.30	40.96†	+0.02	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	89.97	96.22	+0.67	1.35
-do- Inc	82.69	88.44†	+0.61	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.73	61.74	+0.79	...
-do- Inc	56.36	60.59	+0.78	...
Euro Gth Acc	99.60	106.52	+1.83	1.07
-do- Inc	98.23	105.06	+1.81	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.60	37.00†	+0.24	1.31
Pacific Growth	99.53	106.45	+1.17	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.73	92.76	+0.37	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	121.30	129.20	+0.60	3.24
Smaller Cos Acc	285.60	305.60	+1.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	166.10	177.70†	+1.00	1.22
High Inc	70.50	75.79	+0.04	6.91
Income	126.50	135.40†	+0.40	4.06
Mngd P folio Inc	92.11	98.10	-0.16	2.03
-do- Acc	174.10	185.40	-0.30	...
North American	102.70	109.40	+0.60	0.20
Orient	123.00	132.50†	+0.60	...
Recovery	40.44	43.48	+0.39	2.57
German	40.41	43.33	+0.46	0.09
Intl Growth	33.18	35.34	+0.34	0.22
European Inc	21.95	23.63	+0.18	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.41	66.34†	-0.08	1.40
-do- Acc	69.23	73.65	-0.09	1.16
Income Fund 5	209.20	222.60	...	4.13
-do- Acc	486.70	517.80†	-0.20	4.02
Inv Portfolio	66.29	68.70	-0.03	2.12
-do- Acc	74.86	77.58	-0.03	2.03
Smaller Cos	126.30	134.40	+0.40	1.48
-do- Acc	151.80	161.50	+0.50	...
High Inc P folio	59.48	61.64	-0.05	4.66
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7216				
Sht Gth Fxd Int	65.64	66.53	+0.03	6.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.80	142.40	-0.30	1.63
UK Growth	145.60	154.90	-0.50	2.08
UK Income	122.00	129.80†	+0.40	4.15
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	84.66	90.55†	+0.67	1.64
Growth	44.20	47.27	+0.12	2.89
Income	53.28	57.14	-0.11	4.23
Far East	48.26	51.61†	+0.49	0.15
North American	81.99	88.16†	+0.89	0.01
Global	82.94	88.71	+0.21	0.75
European	68.67	73.44	+0.52	1.21
Japan	111.30	119.00	+0.90	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.73	61.17†	+0.30	5.24
UK Cap Gwth	77.72	83.12†	+0.34	2.16

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5342				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	126.40	134.50	+0.70	0.12
-do- Acc	134.40	143.00	+0.80	0.12
European	65.06	68.95	+0.68	0.90
-do- Acc	67.43	71.47	+0.71	0.90
Far East Gen	63.87	67.95	+0.49	...
-do- Acc	63.87	67.95	+0.49	...
Glenfriars	242.80	258.30	+1.30	0.74
-do- Acc	273.40	290.90	+1.60	0.74
Growth	375.90	402.10	+0.80	2.31
-do- Acc	643.40	688.20	+1.30	2.31
Income Growth	373.50	397.40	-0.20	3.79
-do- Acc	496.60	528.40	-0.30	3.79
Master Portfolio	9340.0	9674.0†	+61.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10809.0	11195.0	+69.00	2.86
Special Sits	85.51	90.97	+0.34	2.28
-do- Acc	100.07	106.46	+0.30	2.28
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1182.0	1219.0†	...	4.37
-do- Acc	1395.0	1439.0	...	4.37
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	187.70	200.00	+1.90	1.65
Capital	528.10	563.60†	+1.50	2.36
Eurotrack 100	127.40	135.50	+1.50	1.53
Euro Gth	79.02	84.17	+1.33	1.34
Far East Growth	89.57	95.59	+0.55	0.14
Global Bond	23.35	24.60	+0.15	6.08
Hong Kong	80.17	85.55	+1.43	0.80
Income	493.80	526.90†	+0.50	3.95
Intl Growth	73.45	78.38	+0.86	0.99
Japan Growth	268.00	286.00	+3.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.16	36.45	+0.27	...
Japan Index	76.84	82.00	+0.83	0.24
Nth American	423.10	451.50†	+7.40	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	53.61	57.21†	+2.00	...
The Footsie Fd	107.30	113.30	-0.20	2.60
Tiger Index	137.50	146.70	+2.40	0.68
Trixie Index	104.20	111.20	+0.10	2.58
UK Index	122.90	131.10	+0.40	2.97
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.15	87.75	+0.43	1.00
European P folio	71.26	75.87†	+0.88	1.38
Japanese P folio	64.74	68.70	+0.50	...
Pacific P folio	97.37	104.70	+0.71	1.16
Cazenove P folio	70.01	74.88	+0.30	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.96	66.46†	+0.16	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.10	49.75	+0.04	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.55	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.15	64.37†	...	2.35
Beckman Intl	79.66	84.06†	...	3.15
Friars Hse Inc	173.69	186.76†	...	6.23
Friars Hse Cap	243.34	261.66	...	2.79
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	41.52	44.17	-0.10	...
Smaller Cos	35.06	37.30	-0.45	1.84
-do- Acc	39.49	42.01	-0.52	1.84
UK General	67.93	72.27	-0.03	2.43
-do- Acc	81.45	86.65	-0.03	2.43
Wwide Bd	62.39	66.25	+0.35	6.09
-do- Acc	80.17	85.14	+0.45	6.09
Wwide Sp Sits	55.96	59.85	-0.31	0.16
-do- Acc	58.30	62.35	-0.33	0.16
Quilter General	119.30	126.91†	-0.44	2.46
-do- Acc	132.49	140.95	-0.49	2.46
Quilter Income	93.17	99.12†	+0.33	3.81
-do- Acc	114.83	122.16	+0.40	3.81
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.93	91.93†	+0.01	5.48
-do- Acc	91.93	91.93†	+0.01	5.48
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	40.33	42.90†	+0.15	7.48
-do- Acc	106.90	113.72	+0.40	7.48
Equity Inc	145.14	154.40	+0.09	3.44
-do- Acc	465.90	495.64	+0.29	3.44
High Yield	118.06	125.60	+0.18	4.60
-do- Acc	445.81	474.27	+0.67	4.60
Preference	46.48	49.45†	-0.05	7.42
-do- Acc	238.62	253.86	-0.25	7.42
PPT Europe	148.43	157.90†	+1.67	0.95
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.22	50.23†	+0.04	8.01
PPT Global Bnd	81.76	86.79†	+0.44	5.77
PPT Gold Com	56.26	59.85†	+2.67	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.58	59.13†	+0.61	0.49
PPT Far East Gth	104.40	111.06†	+0.73	0.22
PPT Managed	60.72	64.60	+0.14	3.29
-do- Acc	74.23	78.97	+0.17	3.29
PPT Japan	116.51	123.95†	-0.40	...
PPT N Amer	145.47	154.76†	+0.39	0.07
PPT UK Gth	116.50	123.94	-0.03	1.88
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	80.70	85.85	+0.93	0.92
Japanese Acc	61.58	65.51	+0.42	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.10	134.20	+0.10	2.50
-do- Acc	147.30	156.70	+0.10	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.40	219.60†	+0.60	2.20
UK High Inc	131.03	139.40†	+0.10	6.81
-do- Acc	158.60	168.70†	+0.10	6.81
N America Acc	109.30	116.30	+0.50	0.33
European Acc	152.40	162.10	+2.40	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.88	63.51	+0.10	8.90
-do- Acc	96.64	102.50	+0.20	8.90
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.33	50.35	+0.28	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.05	75.59†	+0.09	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	109.50	116.30	+1.40	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	192.80	204.80†	+1.40	1.22
Eurofund	36.99	39.19	+0.40	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.70	170.60	-0.10	3.08
Growth Inc	212.00	225.30	-0.30	3.77
High Dist	139.20	147.90†	+0.10	5.34
International	316.30	336.10	+1.20	0.97
Intl Income	79.41	84.77†	+0.41	3.07
Pacific	57.81	61.42	+1.15	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	69.29	73.62	+1.01	...
Tokyo	201.50	214.10	+2.20	...
Japan Exempt	114.50	117.60	-0.40	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	571.40	587.10	+19.80	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	119.90	127.40	+1.00	1.10
Australia	6.875	7.305	+0.066	1.09
Equity	185.00	196.60	-0.70	3.56
Euro Spec Sits	139.40	147.50†	+1.70	0.57
Financial	39.19	41.64	+0.26	2.80
Global Opps Inc	88.33	93.85	+0.94	2.15
-do- Acc	91.56	97.28	+0.99	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	46.39	49.29†	+1.97	0.88
-do- Acc	89.05	94.62†	+3.78	0.88
Income	120.80	128.40	+0.70	3.82
Japan General	156.70	166.50	+1.90	...
Preference	21.35	22.68†	-0.02	8.02
UK Capital	102.30	108.70	-0.40	3.10
Worldwide Cap	195.50	207.70	+1.30	3.09
World Income	82.19	87.33	+1.03	3.49
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	173.90	184.90	+3.30	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.18	108.61†	-0.13	3.31
High Income	118.86	123.12†	-0.11	4.86
Tst of Inv Tsts	141.92	149.39	+0.51	2.14
Special Sits	83.23	87.61	-0.37	2.79
North American	103.31	108.75	+0.38	0.93
Far Eastern	242.48	255.24	+3.87	1.38
Intl Growth	94.08	99.03	+1.43	1.36
European	62.52	65.81	...	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.83	73.50	+0.28	2.19
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	218.00	231.80†	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	116.30	123.70	-0.10	...
High Income	24.57	25.85†	+0.03	5.75
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	91.12	96.41	+1.20	0.86
Far Eastern	136.60	146.00	+0.90	...
Ovsea Income	89.12	95.35	+1.20	2.44
UK Growth	92.53	98.96	-0.14	0.97
UK Income	99.95	106.90†	-0.30	3.42
US Smaller Cos	238.70	255.30	+1.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	419.50	448.60	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	428.50	458.20	+0.90	...
Capital	285.40	303.50	+0.40	1.90
-do- Acc	397.50	422.80	+0.80	1.90
Conti Smllr Cos	47.63	51.32	+0.37	0.86
-do- Acc	49.28	53.10	+0.38	0.86
Convertible	113.60	120.80	-0.20	5.93
-do- Acc	210.40	223.80	-0.50	5.93
European	95.69	102.20	+1.20	0.96
-do- Acc	98.87	105.60	+1.20	0.96
Extra Income	290.90	309.40	+1.10	4.03
-do- Acc	407.40	433.30	+1.50	4.03
Financial	103.20	110.80†	+0.40	0.66
-do- Acc	108.10	116.10†	+0.40	0.66
Health Fund Inc	112.00	119.60	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	112.00	119.60	-0.10	...
Income Tst	178.40	189.70	+0.50	3.75
-do- Acc	248.60	264.40	+0.60	3.75
Intl Growth	309.40	330.30	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	343.50	366.80	+1.00	...
Japan Gen	177.90	190.10	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	179.70	192.00	+1.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.42	94.12†	+0.25	0.93
-do- Acc	94.00	98.94†	+0.26	0.93
Monthly Income	149.40	158.90	+0.70	3.98
Recovery	289.70	309.70	+2.40	0.73
-do- Acc	339.30	362.80	+2.90	0.73
Gilt Gth Tst	59.75	61.62†	-0.02	7.01
-do- Acc	77.21	79.62†	-0.02	7.01
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	343.67	365.61†	+1.18	2.84
-do- Acc	702.46	747.30†	+2.40	2.84
Euro Gth Dist	104.37	111.03	+1.07	0.91
-do- Acc	107.49	114.35	+1.10	0.91
Fixed Int Dist	128.40	135.82	+0.14	6.43
-do- Acc	215.72	228.18	+0.25	6.43
Intl Gth Dist	76.01	80.86	+0.48	0.76
-do- Acc	78.62	83.64	+0.48	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	163.43	173.13	+0.32	0.90
-do- Acc	177.25	187.76	+0.35	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	244.20	259.79	+2.23	0.16
-do- Acc	248.05	263.88	+2.26	0.16
Stewardship Dist	297.03	315.99†	+0.94	1.78
-do- Acc	354.15	376.76†	+1.14	1.78
Stwd Inc Dist	62.51	66.50†	+0.05	3.42
-do- Acc	77.16	82.09†	+0.06	3.42
N Am Stwd Dist	95.02	101.08	+0.86	...
-do- Acc	100.51	106.93	+0.92	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.20	150.00†	+0.60	...
European	401.60	426.40†	+6.00	1.00
Far East General	222.60	238.10	+2.80	0.30
Germany	96.10	101.70	+1.00	0.44
Global Assets In	66.21	70.67†	+0.68	2.28
Global Assets Ac	70.20	74.93	+0.72	2.23
Income Inc	116.80	125.00	+0.10	7.03
International	259.30	277.30	+2.60	1.01
Intl Income	78.47	83.43	+0.55	4.78
Japan General	365.90	388.90†	+2.10	...
Smlr Cos Inc	46.54	49.78	-0.07	6.10
UK Capital Inc	160.30	171.50	+0.70	3.89
-do- Acc	274.20	293.30	+1.10	3.82
Uk Spec Sits	73.71	78.83	+1.00	1.61
US General	112.00	119.30†	+1.40	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	114.50	122.50	+1.50	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AL 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.66	46.69	-0.01	1.43
Cash Trust*	128.51	128.51	+0.01	5.10
Fract Inv Inc	101.06	108.38	+0.19	4.02
-do- Acc	216.95	232.65	+0.39	4.02
UK Smaller Cos	101.25	108.58	-0.61	1.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.93	26.66†	+0.05	7.95
High Inc	31.02	33.18†	+0.30	5.03
UK Equity Inc	125.87	134.62	-0.04	3.97
Global Bond	29.21	30.27	+0.17	5.19
International Funds				
Gold Intl	78.74	84.44	+2.68	0.99
Frontier Markets	39.61	42.48†	+0.43	0.42
Global Inc Gth	117.41	125.24†	+0.81	2.20
UK Intl	109.92	117.56	+0.51	0.41
Overseas Funds				
American	126.48	134.79	+1.42	0.49
European	80.53	85.39	+0.86	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	93.60	99.75	+0.97	0.83
American Emerg	78.26	83.08	+0.87	...
Hong Kong	114.77	123.08	-2.41	1.87
Japan	223.10	237.32	-2.00	...
Pacific Growth	153.63	164.75	+2.91	0.42

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 9526				
Intl Growth	124.41	133.06	+1.15	0.37
American Gth	117.56	125.74	+0.33	...
European Gth	65.91	70.44	+0.47	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	77.46	82.84	+0.37	...
Pacific Inc	140.00	149.74	+2.42	2.85
Pacific Strategy	119.99	128.32	-2.04	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.71	75.57	-0.19	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.53	50.03†	+0.20	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.49	47.58	+0.13	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.90	130.90†	...	5.34
Gilt Fixed	117.80	125.00	+0.30	6.36
Growth Equity	283.60	302.00	+0.60	2.19
Guardhill	418.70	447.30	+0.70	2.25
Income Trust	108.10	115.40	+0.20	3.08
International	153.90	164.40	+0.80	0.37
Japan Trust	122.80	131.10	+0.70	...
Nth American	245.60	262.30†	+1.30	0.50
Pacific	365.90	390.90†	+2.90	...
European	336.90	359.90	+3.20	0.75
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 338868				
Global Adv Inc	34.67	36.76	+0.20	1.74
-do- Acc	36.29	38.47	+0.20	1.74
Inc Adv Inc	29.15	30.90	+0.20	4.25
-do- Acc	30.30	32.12	+0.20	4.25
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	73.80	79.06	+0.63	0.97
Equity Income	109.40	116.40†	+0.20	3.54
European	129.60	137.10†	+1.10	0.88
Intl Situation	74.40	79.15	+0.06	...
Japanese	144.20	153.00	+1.90	...
North American	98.10	104.10	+0.30	...
Scandinavian	115.00	121.50	+1.60	...
Smaller Cos	29.87	31.78	+0.18	2.01
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263298 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.47	93.50†	+0.76	...
Asian Enterprise	125.37	135.21	+2.03	0.71
Australian	135.72	145.08†	+1.06	1.23
European	361.78	383.02†	+3.72	1.35
European Inc	68.93	72.95	+0.94	3.07
Euro Smi Co	120.90	128.51	+1.01	0.68
Extra Income	256.75	273.32	+0.42	4.50
Family of Funds	69.16	73.82	+0.17	1.29
Fixed Interest	54.70	58.50	+0.05	8.06
Global Resour	96.58	103.67	+4.24	0.82
High Inc	283.15	302.68†	+1.30	4.15
Income Gth	236.84	252.23	+0.68	3.32
-do- Acc	596.00	634.73	+1.70	3.32
International	226.07	241.11†	+2.12	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	236.60	251.68	+1.90	...
Japan	202.63	215.37	+1.36	...
N Amer	215.95	229.78	+2.53	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	182.74	196.96†	+2.24	0.36
Pref Gilt	44.61	48.46†	-0.02	8.41
Smaller Cos Div	161.09	175.58†	-0.60	3.92
Special Sits	253.43	271.16	+2.15	2.04
-do- Acc	390.51	417.83	+3.31	2.04
Best of British	54.79	58.72†	+0.09	2.32
Spirit of the East	59.52	63.88†	+1.09	0.41
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.78	91.74	+0.09	2.47
Capital	152.70	163.30	-0.70	2.01
Dollar	298.90	319.60	-2.00	0.07
European	191.50	204.80	+2.50	0.59
Far East	231.20	247.20	+1.90	0.50
Financial	681.30	728.60†	+3.00	2.45
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.16	26.14	+0.05	8.16
High Yield	99.86	106.80	+0.30	4.73
Income	131.40	140.50	-2.00	3.76
Intl	209.40	223.90	+1.70	0.27
Japan Tech	69.74	74.58	+0.60	...
Nat Resources	57.91	61.93	+0.87	0.69
Security	291.40	311.60†	-1.90	2.16
Smaller Cos	108.10	115.60†	-1.90	1.51
Special Sits	134.90	144.20	+0.10	1.97
US Smaller Cos	63.75	68.18	+0.09	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	245.20	258.10	+3.40	1.40
Capital Gwth	98.84	104.00	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.05	26.34	+0.04	1.57
Special Features	26.88	28.56†	+0.15	1.63
-do- Acc	31.73	33.71†	+0.17	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.06	55.75†	+0.07	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.62	73.97	+0.05	1.92
do Acc	81.82	86.93	+0.05	1.92
Managed Invest	85.74	91.65	+0.46	1.20
Rupert Children	74.23	79.13†	-0.06	1.83
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.52	50.52	+0.01	4.45
Extra Inc	78.08	83.47	+0.10	4.87
Gilt	27.52	28.97	+0.05	8.81
Income Gth	37.97	40.58†	-0.12	3.47
MIMstar	74.31	76.09†	+0.14	8.07
Preference	17.68	19.34	-0.01	6.19
UK Income	301.80	322.60†	-0.10	2.97
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	55.40	58.86	+0.42	1.28
Property Shares	61.33	65.16	+0.39	1.81
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.00	148.10†	+0.10	3.78
European Acc	107.90	114.40	+1.20	1.83
European Dist	102.70	108.90	+1.20	1.83
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.05	51.10	+0.35	0.91
European Perf	106.30	112.80	+1.00	1.07
-do- Acc	108.20	114.90	+1.00	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.69	22.00	+0.01	0.76
French Growth	64.58	68.71	+0.41	0.54
-do- Acc	68.99	73.40	+0.43	0.53
Hong K/China	70.34	76.03	+1.21	1.64
Intl Growth	50.29	53.43	+0.53	0.65
-do- Acc	50.29	53.43	+0.53	0.65
Japan Perf	34.78	36.96	+0.23	...
Accum Units	34.78	36.96	+0.23	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.41	38.71	+0.29	...
Singapora Asean	77.36	84.14	+1.23	0.29
-do- Acc	77.84	84.66	+1.23	0.29
South East Asia	226.30	244.30	+3.80	0.98
US Smllr Cos	101.50	107.80	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	102.60	109.00	+0.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.19	88.57	+0.60	2.20
Intl Bond	56.33	57.10	+0.16	6.37
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.30	69.64†	+0.01	5.00
Extra Income	50.96	54.21	+0.19	6.75
Gilt Yield	117.20	123.70	+0.30	7.45
Global Income	198.80	208.30†	+2.10	4.21
High Yield	131.50	139.90†	+1.60	5.91

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div	47.00	50.00†	+0.26	4.20
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.51	93.10	+0.65	...
North American	73.50	78.19	+0.89	0.41
European	127.90	136.10	+1.40	0.86
Euro Special	76.03	81.84	+0.66	0.94
General	258.50	275.00	-0.20	3.24
Japan	418.50	445.20†	+4.80	...
Japanese Special	227.80	242.30	+4.20	...
Master Acc	212.40	226.00	+1.40	1.37
Pacific	261.30	279.00†	+3.40	0.58
Smaller Cos	97.60	103.80	-2.47	2.02
UK Equity Gth	34.08	36.26	+0.21	1.79
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.15	76.76	+0.63	0.94
Extra Income	23.66	25.19†	+0.07	3.16
Far East	26.81	28.52†	-0.09	0.95
Income Gwth	71.62	76.19	+0.28	2.82
Intl Growth	50.70	53.94†	+0.07	0.72
Japan	64.80	68.94	+0.01	...
Maximum Dist*	99.51	101.50†	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.53	39.93	+0.05	0.27
UK Equity	85.24	90.68†	+0.20	3.00
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.02	56.41	-0.04	4.43
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.90	445.60	...	2.90
Equity Acc	795.10	845.80	-0.10	2.90
Equity Income	90.35	96.12	+0.08	5.14
European	93.24	99.19	+1.14	1.72
Far Eastern	181.00	192.60	+2.30	0.30
Fixed Interest	50.78	54.02	+0.07	6.46
Gilt	88.68	94.04†	+0.16	6.54
Global Growth	64.88	69.02	+0.59	0.75
Intl Bond	55.50	59.04	+0.35	4.81
Japanese	69.83	74.29	+0.78	...
Overseas Equity	93.79	99.78	+1.32	0.79
Pacific Gth	85.08	90.51†	+1.01	1.26
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	304.50	324.00†	-3.20	2.97
-do- Acc	668.70	711.40	-7.20	2.97
Conti Euro Gth	49.47	52.08	+0.48	1.58
-do- Acc	52.31	55.07	+0.50	1.58
Extra Inc	238.60	253.90	+0.70	3.85
-do- Acc	580.40	617.50	+1.80	3.85
German Gth	98.96	104.20	+1.00	0.35
-do- Acc	103.80	109.30	+1.00	0.35
Growth Port	484.10	515.00	+1.60	0.65
-do- Acc	484.10	515.00	+1.60	0.65
Income	435.40	463.20†	-5.60	3.56
-do- Acc	1118.0	1190.0	-13.00	3.56
Income Port	481.30	512.10†	+0.80	3.91
-do- Acc	485.90	517.00	+0.70	3.91
Japan Growth	95.21	101.30	+1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	95.54	101.70	+1.20	0.01
Master Trust	51.25	54.53	+0.17	1.66
-do- Acc	55.75	59.31	+0.18	1.66
N American Gen	174.80	186.00	-0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	201.90	214.80	-0.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.10	143.80	+3.90	0.01
-do- Acc	137.90	146.80	+4.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	198.70	211.40	+0.10	0.53
-do- Acc	210.00	223.50	+0.20	0.53
Small Cos Rec	297.50	313.20†	+0.40	2.34
-do- Acc	387.40	407.80	+0.50	2.34
UK Growth	78.40	83.41	+0.25	2.41
-do- Acc	91.42	97.26	+0.30	2.41
Worldwide Gth	270.40	287.70	+2.30	0.28
-do- Acc	398.40	423.90	+3.40	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.80	81.33†	+0.26	3.00
Income	59.48	63.82	+0.35	5.80
International	56.08	60.17	+0.25	0.80
American	57.90	62.12	+0.17	0.40
Japan	53.76	57.68	+0.45	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	54.37	58.34†	+0.24	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.90	398.90	+2.00	0.82
-do- Acc	466.20	492.30	+2.60	0.82
American Rec	405.00	428.30†	+5.00	0.14
-do- Acc	464.00	490.80	+5.80	0.14
Am Sm Co Acc	115.40	122.10	-0.30	...
Australia Acc	152.90	161.70	+0.60	1.35
Capital	646.00	683.10	+1.90	2.59
-do- Acc	712.80	753.70	+2.10	2.59
Commodity Acc	422.10	446.40	+7.90	0.77
Compnd Gth	800.60	846.60	+1.40	2.95
Dividend	34.30	36.30†	...	4.21
-do- Acc	135.90	143.90	-0.20	4.21
Equity Inc	289.80	306.50	-0.50	4.84
European Div	58.30	61.60	+0.40	4.40
-do- Acc	65.90	69.70	+0.50	4.40
European Gen	372.30	393.70	+3.90	1.69
-do- Acc	466.10	491.80	+4.80	1.69
Extra Yield	370.70	392.00	-0.10	4.33
-do- Acc	1083.9	1146.1	+0.30	4.33
Far Eastern	297.80	314.90	-1.50	0.59
-do- Acc	391.70	414.20	-1.90	0.59
Fund of Inv	483.40	511.20†	-1.90	2.27
-do- Acc	881.80	932.50	+3.50	2.27
General	52.60	55.60	+0.10	3.60
-do- Acc	138.50	146.60	+0.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	60.30	60.30†	+0.10	7.98
do Acc	151.50	151.70	+0.30	7.98
Gold	52.60	55.60	+3.90	0.96
-do- Acc	61.60	65.10	+4.10	0.96
High Inc	24.70	26.10	+0.10	4.58
-do- Acc	91.40	96.60	+0.30	4.58
Intl Growth	67.80	71.70	+0.20	0.90
-do- Acc	116.80	123.60	+0.30	0.90
Intl Inc	91.20	96.40†	+0.70	4.55
Japan Gen Acc	49.70	52.60†	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	148.50	157.10	+0.90	...
Midland	52.30	55.30†	-0.10	3.42
-do- Acc	167.40	177.00	-0.30	3.42
Recovery	35.90	38.00	+0.10	2.76
-do- Acc	56.40	59.70	+0.10	2.76
Second Gen	60.20	63.70	+0.10	3.53
-do- Acc	147.30	155.80	-0.30	3.53
Smaller Cos	58.20	61.50	...	3.24
-do- Acc	110.30	116.60	+0.10	3.24
Trustee	38.20	40.40†	+0.10	3.83
Charibond 3	£108.54	...†	+0.20	9.94
Charifund 2	£611.70	£634.03	+1.70	5.19
Pension ex 1	828.90	849.70†	+0.40	4.25
NAACIF Inc 3	£44.46	...†	...	8.00
-do- Acc 3	£1076.6	...	+3.00	8.00
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680044				
Inv Port Inc	134.20	143.50	+0.35	2.03
-do- Acc	149.00	159.30	+0.35	2.03
UK Income	112.40	120.20	+0.17	2.65
-do- Acc	125.30	134.00	+0.17	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	77.23	82.59	+0.68	0.82
Far East (Pacific)	134.70	142.90	-1.50	0.66
Income Growth	70.39	74.72†	+1.44	3.12
European	65.35	69.37	+0.33	1.31
Nth American	56.24	59.70	+0.38	1.02
UK Growth	73.33	77.84	-0.17	1.66
Intl Growth	92.76	98.47†	+0.77	0.66
Charities	105.40	111.80†	+0.40	3.81

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.79	70.90	+0.33	4.25
Japan	53.70	57.00	-0.36	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	183.70	194.90	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	196.40	208.40	+1.70	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.39
-do- Acc	129.10	129.10†	...	5.39
European Gth	187.60	198.90	+2.00	0.80
-do- Acc	200.80	213.00	+2.20	0.80
General	450.10	480.20†	+0.60	2.53
-do- Acc	856.50	913.60†	-1.30	2.53
Global Dist	129.60	136.20†	...	5.36
-do- Acc	143.10	152.40†	...	5.36
Income	134.10	143.10	-0.10	4.76
-do- Acc	196.30	209.40	-0.10	4.76
International	377.20	401.90	+3.60	0.70
-do- Acc	500.40	533.10	+4.80	0.70
Japan	180.30	191.30	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	185.10	196.40	+1.60	...
New Europe	134.00	143.00	+1.40	1.81
-do- Acc	136.20	145.30	+1.40	1.81
Recovery	287.60	306.80	-0.90	2.92
-do- Acc	363.50	387.80	-1.10	2.92
European Inc	72.01	76.60	+0.32	3.18
-do- Acc	91.35	97.17	+0.41	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	70.70	75.28†	...	3.35
-do- Acc	83.38	88.78†	...	3.35
Portfolio	72.43	77.01†	+0.21	2.95
-do- Acc	82.35	87.56†	+0.24	2.95
Gold General	107.90	116.10	+7.00	0.81
-do- Acc	109.40	117.70	+7.00	0.81
Pacific	90.57	96.61	+0.90	0.87
-do- Acc	95.71	102.10	+1.00	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	51.07	54.48†	+0.27	2.07
-do- Acc	57.00	60.80†	+0.30	2.07
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.29	60.20†	+0.05	3.01
-do- Acc	57.15	61.12	+0.05	3.01
British Dist	75.78	81.05	-0.04	2.02
-do- Acc	85.79	91.75	-0.05	2.02
European Gth	164.00	173.30	+3.00	0.32
-do- Acc	205.90	220.10	+3.80	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.30	71.98†	+0.14	6.30
-do- Acc	118.40	126.60	+0.30	6.30
FT-SE 100 Index	47.85	51.18	+0.02	2.64
-do- Acc	47.85	51.18	+0.02	2.64
Gilt Fixed Int	55.45	57.72	+0.07	6.84
-do- Acc	145.90	151.80	+0.10	6.84
High Yield	210.50	225.10†	+0.60	4.68
-do- Acc	494.20	528.60	+1.40	4.68
Income	273.10	292.10	-0.80	3.50
-do- Acc	567.70	607.20	+1.60	3.50
Japan Gth	336.30	359.70	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	353.00	379.70	+3.20	...
Mandarin Acc	96.01	102.70	+1.20	1.20
North American	161.20	172.40	-0.70	0.53
-do- Acc	202.60	216.70	+0.90	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	255.90	272.70	+1.70	...
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95	+0.01	5.99
Deposit Acc	122.23	122.23	+0.01	5.99
Euro Gth Acc	265.80	284.10	+3.60	...
Europa	119.60	128.30	+0.70	...
Intl Gth	166.50	177.80†	+1.00	...
Japan Tracker	74.33	78.66†	+0.37	...
UK Equity Inc	144.40	155.60†	+0.90	4.22
-do- Acc	176.90	190.70†	+1.10	4.22
UK Ind Tracker	140.90	150.80	+0.80	3.20
US Eq Ind Trkr	185.50	196.70	+0.70	1.48
-do- Acc	196.20	208.10	+0.70	1.48
Asian Trader	156.20	169.30†	+2.50	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	160.80	164.50	-1.10	2.30
European	59.03	60.19	+0.44	1.19
Olympiad	53.13	54.54	+0.38	0.43
Global Bond	46.25	46.77†	+0.17	6.72
Smaller Cos	63.32	66.24†	+0.19	1.23
Equity Income	90.90	93.36	-0.34	5.10
UK Growth	81.02	83.39†	+0.13	2.13
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.55	48.58	+0.14	0.99
Australian Acc	286.40	307.20	-0.40	...
Conscience	62.18	66.36	-0.93	1.97
-do- Acc	66.77	71.25	-1.00	1.07
European	162.30	173.10†	+1.90	1.12
-do- Acc	174.60	186.20	+2.00	1.12
Extra Income	71.10	75.87	-0.01	5.85
-do- Acc	107.90	115.10	...	5.85
Far East Gth	162.30	173.40	+3.20	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.21	60.85	+0.11	6.41
Gold	41.14	44.23	+2.89	...
-do- Acc	44.30	47.63	+3.11	...
Income	51.19	54.60	+0.02	5.15
-do- Acc	153.50	163.70	+0.10	5.15
International	28.93	31.04	+0.30	1.06
-do- Acc	41.57	44.60	+0.43	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	333.20	355.40	+5.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	178.20	191	+4.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.80	26.66	+0.12	2.06
Special Sits	31.74	34.12†	+0.08	1.79
-do- Acc	36.56	39.31	+0.11	1.79
Tokyo	83.31	88.86	+0.65	...
-do- Acc	84.15	89.76	+0.66	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.31	70.55	-0.08	2.82
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.31	76.52	+0.05	7.27
N&P Higher Inc	191.10	203.30	+0.30	4.49
N&P UK Income	98.04	104.30†	-0.14	3.90
N&P Intl	85.07	90.50†	+0.45	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	74.50	79.26†	+0.40	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	158.01	168.10†	+0.87	2.33
Global	273.41	290.87†	+3.52	1.14
Growth	104.93	111.63†	+0.04	2.59
Income	194.68	207.11†	+0.75	4.40
Intl Bond	121.94	129.48†	+0.66	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.10	141.10†	+0.50	2.59
-do- Acc	237.80	250.30	+0.90	2.59
Income	213.60	227.20†	+1.00	3.63
Intl Equity	216.50	230.30	+1.70	0.91
-do- Acc	237.00	252.10	+1.90	0.91
Equity	214.30	227.90	+0.90	2.44
-do- Acc	434.30	462.00	+1.70	2.44
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.89	72.22	+0.32	1.94
UK Income	59.36	63.15	+0.22	3.15
UK Smllr Co Acc	71.16	75.70	+0.14	1.50
New Europe Acc	59.09	62.86	+0.59	1.51
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.59	97.96	+1.55	0.12
PEP Gth Inc	98.24	105.08	+0.75	1.30
Intl Gth	471.77	504.57	+4.30	0.89
Income	292.24	312.56†	+0.18	3.51
W wide Recov	301.46	322.42	+4.17	0.42
American Gth	198.39	212.19	+2.36	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	180.90	193.48	+1.33	0.10
Far East Gth	213.99	228.87	+2.49	0.03

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	109.65	117.28	+1.29	1.39
UK Growth	74.65	79.85	+0.02	3.08
High Income	81.14	86.79	+0.02	4.60
Japanese Gth	214.56	227.87	+1.15	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	169.00	179.80†	+1.20	0.88
High Income	105.40	112.10†	-1.40	3.73
Conv Gilt	108.80	115.70	...	6.41
Far East	299.10	318.20	+3.50	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.16	51.23	+0.12	0.21
Emerging Mkts	59.25	63.03	+0.44	0.60
General	46.64	49.62	-0.66	3.34
International	81.49	86.69†	+0.52	1.39
Gilt Units	24.88	25.65†	-0.05	7.51
Global FIF	33.80	35.96†	-0.08	2.13
Income Gth	63.54	67.60†	-0.01	4.85
European	41.17	43.80	+0.25	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.53	27.16	+0.05	5.75
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.63	32.75	+0.19	1.56
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	100.85	100.85†	+0.01	5.29
-do- Acc	104.96	104.96†	+0.01	5.29
Pru Equity	642.90	687.90†	-0.11	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	77.76	83.16†	-0.09	4.62
Pru European	167.11	178.72	+1.85	1.89
Pru Global Gth	77.68	83.08	-0.38	1.55
Pru High Inc	84.73	90.62†	-0.19	5.67
Pru Intl	158.12	169.11	-1.47	1.28
Pru Intl Sm Co	66.51	71.13†	+0.51	0.91
Pru Japanese	199.23	213.08†	+1.73	...
Pru Nth Amer	137.72	147.29	+1.19	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	74.14	79.29	+0.97	1.78
Pru Premr Inc	48.34	50.34†	-0.11	7.60
Pru Smllr Cos	80.91	86.53†	-0.21	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.57	103.28	-0.01	2.24
Pru UK Grwth	107.76	115.25†	+0.04	2.35
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	150.04	161.52†	+0.62	3.67
NC Japan	268.67	287.95	+1.47	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.82	98.65	+0.13	2.44
NC America Inc	464.52	498.55	+1.63	0.86
-do- Acc	539.54	579.07	-1.90	0.86
NC Smlr UK Cos	256.06	272.32	-1.05	1.52
NC European	245.02	261.70	+1.76	1.34
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.55	75.05†	-0.45	3.76
Capital Units	141.00	150.00	+1.00	1.31
Commodity	103.70	110.30	+6.40	1.18
European Gth	147.10	156.40	+1.60	1.36
Financial Sec	167.50	178.10	+0.40	1.89
High Return	210.20	223.60	+0.70	4.46
High Yield	201.20	214.00†	+0.30	4.08
Income Units	106.70	113.50	+0.40	4.85
Investment	168.50	179.20†	+0.80	1.16
Japan Gth	152.20	161.90	-0.90	...
Japan Smaller	186.40	198.20†	+3.60	...
Masterfund	45.38	48.27	+0.36	0.93
Scotbits	243.90	259.40	+0.90	1.62
Scotshares	251.30	267.30	+0.30	2.71
Scotyields	218.50	232.80	+0.30	3.97
Select Intl	126.90	135.00†	+0.90	0.73
Smaller Cos	224.40	238.70†	+0.60	4.03
Special Situation	107.60	114.40	+0.20	0.84
UK Equity	220.70	234.70	-0.60	2.86
US Growth	134.30	142.80	-0.40	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	229.53	244.83†	+1.59	0.50
-do- Acc	248.65	265.22	+1.72	0.50
Australian	126.05	134.45	+0.29	0.80
-do- Acc	148.19	158.06	+0.33	0.80
UK Enterprise	204.41	218.03	+0.38	2.42
-do- Acc	236.13	251.87	+0.44	2.42
European Gth	59.35	63.30	+0.70	1.39
-do- Acc	61.44	65.53	+0.73	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	55.01	58.67	+0.26	0.38
-do- Acc	55.38	59.07	+0.26	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	69.02	73.62	+1.04	...
-do- Acc	70.14	74.81	+1.05	...
Fixed Interest	51.44	54.25	+0.08	6.89
-do- Acc	62.47	65.88	+0.10	6.89
Gilt Income	100.82	106.24	+0.15	7.56
-do- Acc	140.81	148.38	+0.21	7.56
Income	304.89	325.21	+1.95	4.05
-do- Acc	899.32	959.27	+5.74	4.05
Japan Enterprise	67.17	71.64†	+0.09	...
-do- Acc	67.17	71.64	+0.09	...
Japan Smllr Cos	460.96	491.69	+8.13	...
-do- Acc	461.89	492.67	+8.15	...
Pacific Gth	91.39	97.48	+1.72	0.21
-do- Acc	94.10	100.37	+1.77	0.21
Smaller Cos	185.99	198.38	+1.48	0.93
-do- Acc	213.15	227.35	+1.70	0.93
Tokyo	106.86	113.98	+1.05	...
-do- Acc	107.94	115.13	+1.06	...
UK Equity	204.15	217.75	+1.00	2.70
-do- Acc	378.05	403.24	+1.84	2.70
US Smllr Cos	129.09	137.69†	+0.75	...
-do- Acc	129.09	137.69	+0.75	...
World Fd	68.92	73.51	+0.39	1.60
-do- Acc	72.66	77.50	+0.41	1.60
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	44.58	47.48	+0.43	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.55	67.68	+0.61	1.21
European Opps	69.72	74.25	+0.82	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.80	101.35	+0.03	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.27	53.54	+0.16	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	340.10	363.10	-0.20	2.75
American	236.60	251.20	+1.70	0.94
Pacific	325.90	348.60	+3.70	0.66
European	442.80	473.60	+3.20	1.23
Worldwide	78.38	83.83	+0.22	1.18
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.80	316.90	+1.10	2.57
UK Sm Cos Eqty	202.20	215.20	+0.80	1.86
European	320.30	340.80†	+4.10	2.05
North American	242.20	257.70†	+1.40	0.52
Income Plus Inc	63.55	67.61	-0.29	3.71
UK Spec Sits	66.59	70.85	+0.37	2.22
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.09	26.85†	+0.11	2.93
Intl Growth Acc	28.49	30.49†	+0.25	1.11
Global Inc Acc	30.50	32.65	+0.20	3.78
Market Ldrs Acc	25.66	27.46	+0.07	2.89
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.23	83.66	...	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.96	46.80	...	...
-do- Acc	46.54	49.55	...	...
Far East Opps	31.96	34.36	...	...
-do- Acc	32.84	35.31	...	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.81	104.70	...	2.01
Global Tech	115.90	125.10†	...	...
Income Growth	100.30	107.70	...	3.47
Income Monthly	56.77	60.71	...	4.24
Japan Growth	80.86	85.99	...	...
Overseas Gth	73.16	77.88†	...	...
Smaller Cos	71.50	76.88†	...	1.61
Special Opps	101.30	108.90	...	2.13
Wld Spec Sits	46.96	50.60	...	...
-do- Acc	47.07	50.80	...	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	94.58	...	-0.11	...
Global Bond	94.48	...	-0.34	7.50
Japan Samurai	94.21	...	-0.70	...
UK Growth	93.97	...	-0.10	4.21
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.18	45.88	+0.30	1.74
Equity Gth Acc	58.24	61.88	+0.30	1.56
UK Eq General	41.14	43.72†	+0.30	2.23
-do- Acc	54.40	57.80	+0.40	2.23
European Acc	40.01	42.52	+0.30	1.16
Far East Acc	53.99	57.37	-0.20	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.63	31.34†	+0.10	6.81
N American Acc	41.60	44.21	+0.30	0.81
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	269.10	292.00	-0.30	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	34.42	36.58†	+0.30	3.81
-do- Acc	40.87	43.43	+0.20	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.40	307.50†	+1.70	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Acc	368.90	400.30	+2.20	3.84
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$23.60	NZ$23.82	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.087	$2.216	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y248.9	Y264.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y249.1	Y264.6	...	...
FT Europe	109.80	116.60	...	2.17
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.802	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y239.4	Y254.3	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.868	$1.984	...	1.71
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	331.00	352.50	+0.50	0.32
British	915.20	968.30	+3.40	4.37
European	385.90	411.00	+2.40	1.44
Japan	143.50	152.50	+0.90	...
New Pacific	289.80	308.60	+3.50	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.78	95.78	...	5.08
Majority Stg	99.95	100.95	-0.01	4.87
Inv Tst	182.70	193.70	+0.70	1.83
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	715.60	765.30	+1.30	3.69
N America Acc	111.00	118.70	+1.30	0.04
Far East Acc	121.40	129.80	+1.40	...
W wide Bond	59.80	63.48†	+0.27	5.46
European	80.93	86.56	+1.00	0.57
Equity Income	80.85	86.47	+0.22	3.17
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.25	35.57	+0.10	0.58
Managed Assets	116.85	124.98	+0.31	3.32
UK Income	36.11	38.63	+0.17	3.14
UK Growth	35.80	38.29	+0.11	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.26	32.37†	+0.09	0.39
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	199.09	211.80	-1.44	0.13
-do- Acc	218.67	232.63	+1.58	0.13
British Gth	84.12	89.49†	+0.18	1.86
-do- Acc	98.97	105.29†	+0.21	1.86
European	92.61	98.52	-0.35	0.98
-do- Acc	97.69	103.92	-0.37	0.98
Extra Inc	183.02	194.70	+0.52	3.89
-do- Acc	291.96	310.60	-0.83	3.89
General Unit	255.37	271.67	+0.19	2.51
-do- Acc	503.90	536.07	+0.39	2.51
Income	319.37	339.75	+0.69	3.50
-do- Acc	650.49	692.01	+1.40	3.50
International	472.18	502.32†	+4.14	0.54
-do- Acc	618.09	657.55†	+5.42	0.54
Pacific	338.73	360.35	+5.15	...
-do- Acc	354.75	377.39	+5.39	...
Premier Income	49.86	51.94†	+0.04	6.32
-do- Acc	103.95	108.28†	+0.08	6.32
Nat Resources	111.58	118.70†	+5.13	0.32
-do- Acc	122.38	130.19†	+5.63	0.32
Selected Opps	94.21	100.22	+1.19	1.24
-do- Acc	117.94	125.47	+1.49	1.24
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	72.85	77.70	+4.32	...
-do- Acc	75.14	80.14	+4.45	...
Cash	50.47	50.47†	+0.01	6.24
-do- Acc	61.57	61.57†	+0.01	6.24
European Opps	59.71	63.56	+0.88	0.46
-do- Acc	60.33	64.22	+0.88	0.46
Far East Opps	150.39	160.41	+1.97	...
-do- Acc	153.89	164.14	+2.01	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	83.96	89.31†	+0.58	...
-do- Acc	83.96	89.31†	+0.58	...
Little Dragons	68.60	73.17†	+1.64	0.68
-do- Acc	70.75	75.46†	+1.67	0.68
Oriental Income	43.02	45.88	+0.50	3.47
-do- Acc	54.84	58.49	+0.64	3.47
Tiger	210.49	224.52†	+3.76	1.17
-do- Acc	221.73	236.51†	+3.95	1.17
UK Small Cos	71.68	76.66	+0.24	2.07
-do- Acc	83.62	89.43	+0.26	2.07
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.78	17.85	+0.90	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.75	32.71	+0.31	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.25	37.49	+0.22	...
Global Bond	$0.975	$1.015	+0.002	7.25
Penny Share	23.95	25.47	+0.17	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.67	52.67	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.38	68.03	+0.23	...
Gilt Income	51.49	53.58	+0.18	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.30	107.60†	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	...	...
Challenger	90.21	92.30	+0.82	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.58	70.82	-0.26	2.08

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Carlton C	746	Land Secs	5,200	Scot Hydro	737
Abbey Natl	3,300	Coats Vyla	305	Legal & Gn	695	Scot & New	617
Alld-Lyons	1,000	Cm Union	758	Lloyds Bk	1,900	Scot Power	2,900
Anglian W	1,500	Courtaulds	601	MB Cardn	1,500	Sears	2,100
Argyll Gp	4,000	De La Rue	186	Marks Spr	8,000	Svrn Trent	1,400
Arjo Wig	2,700	Eng China	246	NFC	1,300	Shell Tran	16,000
AB Foods	71	Enterpr Oil	958	NatWst Bk	2,400	Siebe	1,300
BAA	418	Fisons	1,500	Nat Power	1,300	SmKl Bch	1,800
BAT Inds	2,700	Forte	341	Nth Wst W	1,800	Smith Nph	858
BOC	750	GRE	1,500	Nthrn Fds	3,200	Sthrn Elec	176
BP	42,000	GUS A	388	P & O	4,500	Std Chartd	576
BT	9,200	Gen Acc	721	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	245
BTR	2,400	Gen Elec	3,700	PowerGen	2,200	TI Gp	4,300
Bk of Scot	6,300	Glaxo	5,300	Prudential	2,900	TSB	4,500
Barclays	2,000	Granada	1,300	RTZ	3,700	Tate & Lyle	750
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	7,300	Rank Org	1,500	Tesco	3,300
Blue Circle	791	Guinness	1,400	Reckitt Col	874	Thames W	1,300
Boots	3,600	HSBC	4,200	Redland	3,100	Thrn EMI	440
Bowater	2,600	Hanson	6,800	Reed Intl	745	Tomkins	3,200
Brit Airwys	5,600	ICI	1,600	Rentokil	1,100	Unilever	2,100
Brit Gas	6,600	Inchcape	1,600	Reuters	549	Utd Bisc	1,000
Brit Steel	6,200	Kingfisher	4,300	Rothmans	315	Vodafone	7,100
Burmah C	425	Kwik Save	1,500	Ryl Ins	1,000	Wellcome	1,800
Cable Wire	2,500	LASMO	2,900	Ryl Bk Scot	5,300	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Cadbury	905	Ladbroke	2,000	Sainsbury	3,300	Wilms Hld	1,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3453.25 (-29.06)
S&P Composite 439.73 (-5.07)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20532.78 (-82.42)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7108.76 (+106.16)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 108.1 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1694.4 (-1.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1639.79 (+10.33)

FT 30 share: 2215.7 (-15.6)

Brussels:
General 6071.36 (+21.97)

Paris: CAC 515.65 (+5.61)

Zurich: SKA Gen 490.0 (+1.0)

London:
FT A All-Share 1404.29 (-3.49)
FT 500 1532.36 (-4.50)
FT Gold Mines 161.5 (+11.4)
FT Fixed Interest 110.99 (+0.03)
FT Govt Secs 94.85 (-0.07)
Bargains 29260
SEAQ Volume 797.6m
USM (Datastrm) 137.16 (-0.04)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options on 13/5/93: Blacks Leisure, Bridon, Caldwell, Cannon St Inv, Cluff Res, Forward Tech, Greenwich Res, Hanson Wts, McCarthy & Stone, Microvitec, Norex, Premier, Ratners, St James Place, Yorkshire TV. Puts: Amstrad, Cannon St Inv. Puts & Calls: Cannon St Inv, Hartstone, Nat Home Ln cv pf, Tomkins, Yorkshire TV.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 49429)	Jun 93	2877.0	2881.0	2855.0	2858.0	9759
	Sep 93	2894.0	2898.5	2883.0	2881.0	653
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 299610)	Jun 93	94.05	94.05	93.98	93.99	9561
	Sep 93	94.14	94.15	94.06	94.07	25305
	Dec 93	94.06	94.07	93.97	93.97	6602
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 16813)	Jun 93	96.81	96.82	96.78	96.79	279
	Sep 93	96.72	96.73	96.67	96.68	81
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 560404)	Jun 93	92.95	92.96	92.88	92.90	31608
	Sep 93	93.78	93.79	93.71	93.72	52709
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 1)	Jun 93				110-17	0
	Sep 93				109-09	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 77423)	Jun 93	104-10	104-10	103-21	103-24	41258
	Sep 93	103-13	103-13	103-04	102-27	550
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.94	108.10	107.69	107.73	1926
	Sep 93	107.10	107.28	106.84	106.92	3628
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 167903)	Jun 93	95.24	95.43	95.05	95.07	104140
	Sep 93	95.46	95.61	95.26	95.27	4426
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 23260)	Jun 93	92.18	92.37	92.15	92.34	2631
	Sep 93	92.92	93.04	92.88	93.02	2130
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 36189)	Jun 93	95.21	95.21	95.14	95.14	4719
	Sep 93	95.65	95.68	95.62	95.62	1756
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 42224)	Jun 93	97.94	98.18	97.86	98.02	14653
	Sep 93	97.77	97.92	97.77	97.83	27

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.7 (day's range 79.7-79.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7569-2.7700	2.7569-2.7603	¼-⅜ds	½-⅜ds
Brussels	50.52-50.71	50.56-50.63	4-8ds	14-19ds
Copenhagen	9.4810-9.5270	9.4820-9.5040	3-4⅞ds	7¼-9½ds
Dublin	1.0095-1.0120	1.0096-1.0117	13-18ds	35-46ds
Frankfurt	2.4497-2.4702	2.4597-2.4629	¼-⅜ds	½-1ds
Lisbon	229.27-241.20	237.90-241.20	254-271ds	680-730ds
Madrid	181.12-190.00	187.70-190.00	177-201ds	420-484ds
Milan	2263.10-2289.70	2263.10-2269.20	8-11ds	26-29ds
Montreal	1.9376-1.9483	1.9385-1.9406	0.25-0.08pr	0.43-0.24pr
New York	1.5240-1.5295	1.5240-1.5250	0.38-0.37pr	1.07-1.05pr
Oslo	10.4150-10.4680	10.4450-10.4680	1-2ds	2⅞-4⅛ds
Paris	8.2860-8.3270	8.2860-8.3000	1¼-1⅜ds	3½-4ds
Stockholm	11.2620-11.3230	11.2620-11.2850	2½-3⅞ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Tokyo	170.16-170.87	170.16-170.36	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.27-17.35	17.30-17.34	1½-2½ds	4½-6½ds
Zurich	2.2197-2.2392	2.2197-2.2227	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5234-1.5260
Australia dollar	2.1610-2.1633
Bahrain dinar	0.572-0.584
Brazil cruzeiro*	54949.8-55022.2
Cyprus pound	0.725-0.735
Finland marka	8.422-8.538
Greece drachma	331.75-338.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.7844-11.7898
India rupee	47.57-48.53
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4565-0.4665
Malaysia ringgit	3.9137-3.9178
Mexico peso	4.75-4.85
New Zealand dollar	2.8006-2.8050
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6845-5.8105
Singapore dollar	2.4625-2.4656
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0584-7.1394
S Africa rand (com)	4.8495-4.8535
U A E dirham	5.5655-5.6895

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4170-1.4180
Austria	11.36-11.37
Belgium (Com)	33.20-33.22
Canada	1.2708-1.2713
Denmark	6.2319-6.2349
France	5.4435-5.4480
Germany	1.6150-1.6160
Hong Kong	7.7290-7.7300
Ireland	1.5040-1.5050
Italy	1484.0-1486.0
Japan	111.70-111.75
Malaysia	2.5672-2.5682
Netherlands	1.8115-1.8125
Norway	6.8579-6.8609
Portugal	157.03-157.93
Singapore	1.6142-1.6152
Spain	123.25-123.55
Sweden	7.3945-7.3995
Switzerland	1.4575-1.4585

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible] : 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible] : 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]
Interbank:	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-5[illegible]

Overnight: open 6, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.03	n/a	3.08-3.03	3.16-3.11	3.38-3.33
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
Deutschemark:	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7-6[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]
French Franc:	8[illegible]-8	[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	5[illegible]-5	5[illegible]-5	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]
Yen:	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $365.75-366.50 Close: $369.50-370.00 High: $369.50-370.00 Low: $362.50-363.00 Krugerrand: $369.00-371.00 (£241.00-243.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£55.00-57.00) New $87.50-90.50 (£55.00-57.00)
Platinum: $386.75 (£252.80) Silver: $4.55 (£2.975) Palladium: $122.60 (£80.15)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	550	28	40	50	26	33	43
(*560)	600	8	21	29	62	68	73
Argyll	300	24	31	36	10	15	20
(*314)	330	8½	16	23	28	32	36
ASDA	67	7½	9	-	4	8	-
(*66)	76	4	6½	-	10½	12½	-
Boots	420	33	46	51	11	18	34
(*435½)	460	13	26	31	33	39	44
Br Airways	250	28	38	41	8	13	19
(*290)	300	17	25	31	16	22	28
BP	300	33	39	45	7	12	17
(*325)	330	14½	23	29	19	25	30
Br Steel	90	10½	15	18	4½	7½	9½
(*97)	100	6½	10	13	11	12	14
C & W	700	42	57	69	28	37	45
(*718½)	750	18	32	45	57	67	72
CU	580	34	42	-	16	29	-
(*587½)	629	13	22	-	45	58	-
Courtauld	550	27	42	51	26	34	41
(*554½)	600	8½	21	30	59	66	71
ICI	1250	75	100	125	45	65	78
(*1280½)	1300	45	75	85	58	95	105
Kingfishr	584	43	55	-	16	26	-
(*611½)	632	16	31	-	42	50	-
Land Sec	500	56	59	61	5	9	16
(*550½)	550	13	23	31	26	33	38
M & S	330	27	36	41	7½	14	17
(*348)	360	10	19	26	23	28	32
Nat West	460	27	36	46	19	31	35
(*462½)	500	11	20	23	45	55	59
Sainsbury	460	18	31	40	27	37	38
(*455½)	500	6	17	25	59	64	68
Shell	550	69	76	80	3½	9	13
(*611)	600	29	39	47	14	26	30
Smkl Bch	460	35	52	61	18	28	36
(*466½)	500	19	33	42	40	50	57
Storehse	200	18	25	29	12	15	22
(*205½)	220	8½	16	21	24	29	33
Trafalgar	83	16	19	-	3½	6	-
(*94)	92	10	14	-	7	11	-
Unilever	1050	75	100	113	14	24	32
(*1105½)	1100	42	70	85	35	45	53
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	420	25	36	44	17	24	33
(*423)	460	10	18	26	43	49	57
Ladbroke	160	18	24	28	4	17	21
(*163½)	180	8½	15	20	22	29	32
Utd Bisc	420	25	38	44	24	34	40
(*416)	460	12	22	30	50	60	65

May 13, 1993 Tot: 35039 Call: 22675 Put: 12364 FT-SE Call: 3761 Put: 4823
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	11	31	47	8½	33	40½
(*750½)	800	1	13	26	50	66	71
BAT Ind	850	35	66	81	4	24	44
(*879)	900	5½	39	55	25	47	72
BTR	550	35	48	57	1	8½	18
(*583½)	600	2½	17	28	19	31	43
Br Aero	300	19	41	54	3	23	36
(*316½)	330	3	27	40	20	40	52
Br Telcm	390	15	28	32	2	10	20
(*404)	420	1½	12	18	20	26	36
Cadbury	420	40	49	58	1	5½	12
(*454½)	460	5½	22	34	7½	20	27
Guinness	460	26	45	57	3	13	22
(*482½)	500	3	22	34	19	33	42
GEC	300	15	22	27	1	10	15
(*313)	330	1	7	13	18	28	32
Hanson	220	20	23	28	1	4	8
(*240)	240	3	10½	17	3½	11	16
LASMO	140	13	22	28	1½	9	13
(*152)	160	2½	13	20	13	20	25
Lucas	140	3½	16	20	3	9	16
(*143)	160	2	6	11½	18	23	27
Pilkngtn	120	9½	14	19	2½	7	10½
(*128)	130	3½	9½	15	4½	13	17
Prudential	300	23	32	38	1½	5½	11
(*321)	330	2½	15	22	10	18	27
Redland	500	34	47	56	22	34	37
(*507½)	550	15	26	38	52	64	68
Royal Ins	300	24	31	38	11	17	21
(*507½)	330	10	18	24	28	34	38
Tesco	200	16	25	29	1	6½	12
(*214½)	220	3	13	19	8	16	21
Thames W	500	13	23	32	4	24	32
(*507)	550	1½	5½	13	45	62	65½
Vodafone	390	33	43	57	1	11	18
(*422)	420	7	27	40	6	24	30
Williams	330	21	28	34½	16	25	25½
(*329)	360	8½	15	22	35	43	46

FT-SE INDEX (*2852½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	163	109	61	23	5½	2
Jun	174	129	88	57	30	17
Jul	191	151	112	80	48	36
Aug	209	169	135	103	78	56
Dec	267	-	204	-	148	-
Puts						
May	2	3	5	18	55	102
Jun	8	16	26	43	72	112
Jul	20	31	43	60	90	123
Aug	33	46	61	77	106	133
Dec	68	-	102	-	144	-

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	31	40	49	5	14	19
(*415½)	420	12	25	33	17	28	32
Amstrad	30	4½	6½	8	2	3½	4
(*33)	35	2	4	6	4½	6	7
Barclays	420	24	37	47	8	19	29
(*432)	460	5½	17	28	31	42	50
Blue Circ	260	9	21	26	14	23	30
(*254)	280	4	13	20	29	36	42
Br Gas	280	23	31	35	2½	6½	12
(*298)	300	9	18	23	9	14	22
	330	2	7	11	33	35	41
Dixons	220	12	22	27	12	21	26
(*217½)	240	5	13	20	24	34	39
Forte	180	17	26	30	4	10	15
(*189½)	200	6	15	20	14	21	25
Glaxo	550	96	113	125	2½	14	26
(*638½)	600	55	81	88	10	28	43
	650	22	52	67	28	50	69
HSBC	600	34	58	74	18	36	47
(*608½)	650	12	35	52	45	63	76
Hillsdwn	140	21	27	31	2½	6	8
(*155½)	160	6½	12	17	9	14	18
Lonrho	110	11½	17	23	4	9	13
(*118½)	120	8	13	20	8	15	18
Reuter	1250	54	100	133	24	55	73
(*1272½)	1300	29	70	108	50	79	98
R-Royce	130	22	28	30	2	5	9
(*149)	140	14	20	24	4½	8½	12½
Sears	100	6	10½	14	4	6	9
(*102)	110	2½	6	8½	10½	13	16
Tarmac	130	12	19	23	5	9	15
(*136)	140	7	14	19	11	16	20
Thrn Emi	800	37	53	68	9½	36	43
(*820½)	850	12	28	43	36	65	73
Tomkins	220	13	19	25	5½	13	16
(*225½)	240	4½	9½	16	17	24	28
TSB	160	25	28	31	1½	6	8½
(*183)	180	9½	16	20	6½	12	17
Wellcome	750	33	61	94	35	50	66
(*742½)	800	15	52	70	57	77	94
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	23	33	35	9	15	18
(*171½)	180	13	22	25	19	26	30
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastn Elc	460	9½	24	32	4½	28	32
(*463)	500	1	8	16	38	52	58
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	330	11	21	31	10	17	21
(*327)	360	2½	10	18	33	36	39
Scot Pwr	310	13	18	23	5	15	18
(*313½)	330	4½	10	15	17	28	30

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee rallied sharply following the news that Columbia had decided to place a floor to it's export price. The decision gave an initial fillip to the price, but baring in mind that Columbia has sold most of this years crop, and consumer stocks are high, it is unlikely that the floor will hold especially when the Brazil is starting to harvest the new 93/94 crop.

LONDON FOX

COCOA
May 656-645 Jul 764-763
Jul 678-677 Sep 779-776
Sep 694-693 Dec 800-799
Dec 714-713 Mar 824-822
Mar 736-735
May 750-748 Volume: 8618

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
May 878-875 Jan 904-903
Jul 885-884 Mar 912-908
Sep 885-883 May 920-915
Nov 897-895 Volume: 4964

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec unq
Spot unq Mar -
May unq May -
Aug - Aug -
Oct - Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Mar 299.5-98.7
Spot: 301.0 May 301.5-00.3
Aug 309.5-09.0 Aug 305.0-03.8
Oct 302.0-01.5 Oct 299.9-94.8
Dec 300.5-99.2 Volume: 985

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.74	133.93	141.36
(+/-)	+0.48	-0.50	+0.39
Eng/Wales:	90.82	134.32	141.15
(+/-)	+0.70	+0.12	+0.68
(%)	-38.0	-17.3	-16.6
Scotland:	87.00	125.47	142.04
(+/-)	-14.38	+3.59	-0.73
(%)	+10.5	-34.8	-10.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pkg)
Open Close Open Close
May 114.8 114.8 Jul unq unq
Jun 107.5 107.5 Volume: 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
May 141.15
Jun 141.00
Sep 107.90
Nov 109.85
Jan 112.60
Volume: 418

BARLEY (close £/t)
May 136.00
Sep 106.75
Nov 109.40
Jan 111.90
Mar 113.75
Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 143.40
Aug 142.90
Oct 146.00
Dec 148.80
Feb unq
Volume: 50

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
Nov unq 60.0
Apr 94.9 95.9
May unq 100.0
Volume: 39

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 57.50-58.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With Kuwait becoming ever more vocal about a larger Opec share levels took a tumble.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical 18.70 -0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun) 18.90 -0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul) 18.85 -0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun) 20.05 -0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jul) 20.30 -0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 Bid: 213 (-1) Offer: 215 (-1)
Gasoil EEC 175 (-5) 176 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Jun 174 (-5) 175 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Jul 175 (-) 176 (-)
3.5 Fuel Oil 72 (-2) 73 (-3)
Naphtha 186 (-3) 188 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Jun 173.00-73.25 Sep 176.75-77.00
Jul 173.25-73.50 Oct 179.50-80.00
Aug 175.00-75.25 Nov 181.50-81.75
Vol: 16761

BRENT (6.00pm)
Jun 18.89-18.90 Sep 18.98-19.02
Jul 18.84-18.85 Oct 19.03-19.05
Aug 18.92-18.94 Vol: 31211

UNLEADED GASOLINE
May n/a Aug 200.50 BID
Jun 203.50-04.25 Sep 198.00 BID
Jul 203.00-06.00 Vol: 87

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
May 93 High: 1610 Low: 1600 Close: 1605
Jun 93 1490 1480 1488
Jul 93 1345 1329 1341
Oct 93 1425 1420 1423
Vol: 361 lots. Open int'st: 3018 Index 1581 +5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1211.5-1212.5	1228.5-1229.0	1912900
Lead (£/tonne)	266.50-267.00	275.50-276.00	63975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1004.5-1005.0	1024.5-1025.0	181925
Tin ($/tonne)	5555.0-5560.0	5615.0-5620.0	6245
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1136.0-1136.5	1157.5-1158.0	816000
Nickel ($/tonne)	5870.0-5875.0	5946.0-5947.0	59004

...n's most experienced Hima- she will get up and do it ... she will do it

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Shares drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 10. Dealings end May 21. §Contango day May 24. Settlement day June 1. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market clos . Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Wilkes (James)	Industrial	
2	Bradon	Industrial	
3	Tarmac	Building,Rds	
4	First Nat Fin	Banks,Disc	
5	Harris (Philip)	Industrial	
6	Deelkraal	Mining	
7	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Air	
8	Durban	Mining	
9	CRH	Building,Rds	
10	Sturge Hldgs	Insurance	
11	Dairy Farm Intl	Drapery,Strs	
12	Acatos & Hutch	Foods	
13	Volex	Electrical	
14	Helical Bar	Property	
15	Newman Tnks	Building,Rds	
16	Hall Eng	Industrial	
17	Comac	Business Serv	
18	News Intl	Newspapr,Pub	
19	Close Bros	Banks,Disc	
20	Shaftesbury	Property	
21	RedLand	Building,Rds	
22	Cluff Res	Mining	
23	Lex Service	Motors,Air	
24	Kiruna	Mining	
25	Burton	Drapery,Strs	
26	PWS	Insurance	
27	AAH	Industrial	
28	Jarvis Porter	Paper,Print	
29	Smiths Ind	Industrial	
30	Claremont Ga	Textiles	
31	Takeda Chem	Industrial	
32	Tibbet & Britn	Transport	
33	Scot TV	Leisure	
34	Prowting	Building,Rds	
35	Wates	Property	
36	Alfa ours	Leisure	
37	Br Vita	Industrial	
38	Sidlaw	Industrial	
39	Brixton	Property	
40	Iceland Frozen	Foods	

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Please take into account any minus signs

£1,000 MATCH THE SHARES

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There were no valid claims for yesterday's Portfolio Plus prize. The £2,000 will be added to today's game.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

415½	345	Abbey Nt	415½	+ 3½	11.5	3.5	16.0
295	179	Allied Irish	263	...	...	4.6	12.4
176	139	Ans New Z	166	– 6	...	5.4	...
3806½	2793½	Bankamerica	3656½				
250	188	Bk of Ireland	243	+11	...	5.7	...
326	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	138 †	– 1	4.5	4.1	...
484	362	Barclays	480	– 1	15.1	4.4	...
3½	2	Benckmark	2½	...	...	...	...
51	51	Brown Shipley	51	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Cattlsle	18½	...	...	...	...
490	395	Cater Allen	487	– 1	20.0	4.7	...
126	85	Cenles	125	+ 2	...	4.2	16.6
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1842½	+25	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	345	+ 4	...	3.9	15.4
345	250	Close Bros	345	+200	...	3.5	...
£125½	9275	Commerbnk	£1144½	+3000	...	2.3	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£282	+3000	...	...	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	76	+ 6	...	0.4	63.3
1227	876	First Bank Y	1176	– 7	...	...	...
461	343	Gerrard Nat	460	...	23.0	5.7	...
654	490	HSBC	653	+ 1	19.0	3.9	...
634	474	HSBC HK	598	+ 6	19.0	4.0	...
356	243	Hambros	354	...	15.8	5.5	...
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	12.0	4.4	14.8
142	96	King Shaxson	142	+ 2	5.0	4.4	...
405	312	Kleinwort Ben	399	– 4	18.4	4.3	15.3
573	492	Lloyds	570	...	30.0	4.4	17.0
97	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	– 6	...	4.9	14.5
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	418	– 4	...	4.9	14.5
398	308	Nat West	392	+ 1	17.5	4.7	15.3
354	270	Providen	354	+ 1	11.4	4.0	15.3
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
282	207	Ryl Bk Scot	278	– 7	8.8	4.0	...
1040½	487½	Schroders	948 †	...	...	1.5	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	728	+ 1	20.0	3.5	...
195	145½	TSB	181	+ 2	6.4	4.4	...
139	78	Union Disc	139	...	...	...	...
710	529	Warburg SG	658	– 6	18.0	3.4	19.5
277	185	-do- 6% 'A'	223	...	...	1.5	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6981½	–31½	...	...	...
170	121	Westpac	168	– 1	...	4.5	7.9
215	188	Wlnsrcus	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	575	– 8	...	...	...
228	198	Adsun & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	7.3
92	56	Air London ♣	66 †	...	...	6.6	8.1
53	37	Airtech Labs	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	169	...	5.3	4.0	...
108	84	BET Ord	104	+ 1	...	7.5	15.2
88	41	BWB Res	83	+ 4	4.9	5.9	...
318	258	BPP	289	...	...	8.0	3.5
285	228	Barbour Index	285	...	...	7.2	3.9
22	15	Bousssad	21 †	...	0.7	3.3	...
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	226	...	...	4.4	15.9
14	11	Brookmeadow	14	...	...	...	...
72	57	Brooks Service	67	...	...	...	...
104	86	CKT Gp	99	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	173	+ 4	...	1.5	15.6
41	31	Caxton Plc	41	+ 1	0.5	...	...
35	28	Chiltern Capital	31	...	...	...	...
51	36	Chloride	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	282	...	...	1.3	31.2
50	38	Comac ♣	45 †	+ 1	...	4.2	...
189	69	Corp Services	175	+ 1	3.3	5.1	9.2
21	20	Dart	21	– 1	...	4.3	...
231	198	Davis Service	215 †	– 1	...	4.3	9.7
104	85	EW Pace ♣	94	...	4.6	5.7	10.8
28	11	Gardiner	28	...	0.6	3.2	18.0
44	32	Gardner (DC)	32	...	...	...	...
48	23	Swild-Exca	42 †	...	...	...	...
130	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	+ 3	5.0	5.4	27.6
172	110	Sheffield Inst	171	...	...	5.4	14.3
96	82	Sheriff Hldgs ♣	96	...	...	2.9	...
95	66	Shorco ♣	75	...	...	...	...
228	205	Smart (J)	220	+ 10	8.3	4.6	10.0
9½	4¾	Starmid	5	...	0.3	7.5	9.0
143	103	Tarmac	136 †	...	5.5	5.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	187	– 1	10.0	7.2	...
116	68	Taylor Woodrw	107	– 1	1.0	1.2	...
545	433	Tilbury Douglas	545	– 13	20.0	7.9	...
29	19	Toren Hme ♣	26	...	...	...	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	217 †	+ 1	8.0	4.6	...
38	30	Try Group	37	...	1.0	3.4	10.5
28	28	Tudor ♣	28	...	...	...	...
68	41	Vibroplant	58	...	3.6	7.8	10.7
99	80	Ward Hldgs	99	+ 1	...	...	...
39	29	Warehouse	36	...	...	...	...
206	164	Waste Mgmt	206 †	– 2	10.7	3.1	18.5
6	5	Select Appt ♣	5½	...	...	...	...
988	685	Serco Gp	975	– 8	14.0	1.8	27.0
352	252	Sherwd Comps	282 †	– 2	10.7	3.8	26.5
130	91	Shetchley	98	...	3.0	4.0	...
355	310	Warner Howard	310	+ 2	0.6	2.6	...
45	27	Welpac	29	...	...	0.5	33.2
36	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	...	...

BREWERIES

646	547	Allied-Lyons	558	– 7	20.0	4.5	12.9
528	528	Bass	527	–11	18.9	4.4	11.6
223	189	Boddington	207	– 1	7.3	3.4	16.5
394	312	Bulmer (HP)	394	...	9.0	2.8	16.1
158	129	Burtonwd Bw	155	– 1	7.8	3.3	16.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	297	– 1	...	4.6	25.6
88	78	Eldridge P 'A'♣	88	– 2	...	5.3	7.1
694½	51	Fosters Brewing	51	...	...	2.0	23.1
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♣	378	–11	12.3	3.7	13.8
423	388	Grand Met	423	– 5	11.7	3.6	13.4
516	388	Greenalls Grp	509	– 5	11.6	2.7	14.2
565	440	Greene King	544	– 7	...	3.1	17.2
516	440	Guinness	492	– 1	7.9	1.6	13.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	262	...	...	3.5	26.4
118	78	Hewitsons ♣	110	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
95	78	-do- 'A' LV♣	95	– 3	6.0	2.7	18.7
256	255	Highland Dist	282	...	4.0	4.1	1.7
2538	2538	Hsh J	2975 †	+37	...	...	41.8
38	33	Hoskins Brew	38	...	...	7.0	3.3
250	250	Invergordn Dist	269	...	...	9.9	0.7
197	157	Macallan-Glen	163	...	...	8.8	12.2
676	576	Macdn Martn 'A'	588	...	...	14.0	2.3
740	655	Mansfield	740	...	...	4.9	2.5
256	231	Mason Thmp	231	...	...	15.7	4.8
435	410	Matthew Clark	411	...	...	...	18.1
300	255	Murphys W	258	...	...	8.4	2.1
490	455	Morland	455	...	...	...	21.1
12	9	Paramount ♣	9	...	...	...	3.7
980	753	SA Breweries	753	...	...	...	4.8
498	408	Scot & Newc	463	– 8	16.1	3.7	12.8
223	181	Taunton Cider	213	...	9.3	4.9	16.4
268	213	Vaux Group	241	...	...	2.1	22.8
283	225	Wetherspoon JD	282	– 1	16.9	4.3	13.7
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	487	+ 7	16.9	2.4	24.8
1180	930	-do- 'B'	875	+ 7	16.9	1.8	18.1
613	561	Wolverhmptn D	574	+ 1	11.4	2.5	16.2
515	490	Young 'A'	493	...	14.5	3.8	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton ♣	26	...	...	...	...
100	87	Allen ♣	96	...	...	3.0	3.9
98	65	Amec	95	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
504	155	Ashtead	204	+ 2	4.1	2.5	28.3
145	108	Ashwoods	130	– 2	5.0	5.3	17.1
180	178	BPB Ind	204	...	...	4.0	59.5
90	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	...	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barratt Lews	88	...	1.2	1.8	16.0
147	94	Barrett	145	...	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	398 †	...	...	1.8	28.8
15	15	Bellwinch	15	...	...	...	21.4
295	215	Berkeley Gp	418	+ 5	...	1.8	21.7
42	35	Bett Bros	40	...	1.0	2.6	...
36	26	Blockleys	34	...	1.0	3.0	...
280	254	Blue Circle	280 †	– 8	11.2	4.5	...
189	130	Bovis (Henry)	189	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
94	68	Brewdon PLC	94	...	5.2	6.1	23.5
105	87	Br Dredging	105 †	...	1.5	2.7	...
69	45	Br Plumbng	69	– 3	4.8	4.0	31.9
99	99	Bryant	99	+ 1	2.3	...	...
53	53	CALA	53	+ 7	...	3.3	17.5
305	278	CRH	298	...	...	...	...
22	22	Cakebread Rby	22	...	...	...	...
43	23	Costain	34	...	4.1	3.9	35.1
138	98	Countryside	135	– 3	0.0	...	...
38	38	Crest Nicholson	42	–10	...	...	...
28	28	Cussins	28	...	...	3.3	...
14	14	Dunbros	14	...	0.5	3.8	...
178	178	Edmons Hldgs	178	...	6.8	3.8	...
29	29	Epwin	29	...	0.3	0.9	...
37	37	Erith	37	...	...	3.5	12.7
350	350	Eve Groupns	350	– 2	2.0	4.8	24.4
32	32	Evered Bardon	32	...	...	...	...
4½	4½	Explosive ♣	4½	...	...	4.7	21.3
134	97	Freeman Grp ♣	134 †	...	...	...	19.7
68	68	Galliford	68	...	...	...	...
686	686	Gibbs & Dandy	788 †	...	...	12.7	2.0
119	90	Gleeson (M)	119	+ 1	...	3.2	3.4
93	93	Hewden-Stuart	93	...	...	2.6	...
373	373	Howdn Jnry	373	– 1	...	12.5	5.7
97	97	Hunting Gate	97	– 1	...	1.5	4.3
37	37	Higgs & Hill	37	– 1	...	1.5	6.3
18	18	How Cp	18	– 1	...	0.5	3.5
67	67	Howard Hldgs	67 †	– 1	...	0.7	4.2
18	18	Ibstock Johnsen	18	...	...	0.7	4.2
26	26	Jarvis	26	...	...	4.5	8.5
21½	21½	Ladies (J)	21½	...	...	...	9.8
24	24	Ln Clydesdale ♣	24	...	...	...	24.9
57	57	Lovell (Y)	57	...	9.0	3.7	18.8
240	240	Mander	137	– 5	4.2	3.8	40.2
93	93	Marles	93	...	...	7.3	28.8
91	91	Marshalls	154	+ 1	4.0	4.0	14.1
122	122	Maunders (J)	188	...	6.5	4.3	32.7
96	96	McAlpine (A)	94	– 1	0.5	...	...
23	23	McCarthy & S					

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	157	+ 3	4.5	3.6	15.5
238	223	Acala	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
1625	38	Acorn Comps ♣	45	– 5	...	...	18.4
480	385	Admiral	434	– 4	5.4	1.6	16.9
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	...
43	19½	Alphameric	33	...	0.4	...	...
324	22	Amersil	29	+ 1	...	...	...
135	23	App Holns ♣	18	...	...	...	...
19	13	Arlen	15	...	...	...	...
379	374	Aser	374	+ 1	...	9.2	4.2
260	250	Beales Hunter	255	...	...	...	...
9	9½	Bennett & Fount ♣	9½	...	...	...	...
381	310	BICC	372	– 3	19.2	6.5	25.2
555	455	Bick	484	+10	...	9.2	2.4
1663	1150	Bmlands ♣	1663	...	6.3	2.6	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	309	...	...	...	...
445½	376	BT	404	+ ½	...	4.9	19.9
9	9½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	141	...	5.7	5.1	22.3
780	669	Cable Wireless	718	– 1	13.2	2.3	22.2
14½	11½	Chloride	14½	...	...	...	...
251	229	Cmll, Micro	251	+ 2	0.6	0.7	...
115	74	Compin Peopic	115	...	...	0.4	12.4
1085	1085	Cray Elect	317	+ 1	...	2.4	22.5
152	243	Crtchley	105	– 1	5.1	6.1	10.2
139	86	Dale	138	+ 3	14.0	3.2	...
548	414	Delta	548	...	...	2.7	12.1
298	205	Dennans Ele	289	...	...	1.7	17.7
460	460	Domino	519	+ 1	7.2	5.5	18.7
48	48	Dowding Mills	57	...	...	...	...
1040	865	Druck ♣	1038	...	...	1.1	28.3
411	358	Elcomcomputers	398	– 1	7.0	3.5	20.0
470	470	El Data Prc	398	...	5.1	3.3	24.7
73	43	Electron House	61	...	...	0.4	...
39½	10½	Emess	39½	...	4.0	7.5	13.7
567	442	Eurobserv	554	...	6.3	2.1	25.9
136	108	FKI	134	...	5.0	3.7	...
391	340	Farnell Elect	387	+ 1	6.2	2.1	...
51	33	Ferdbands ♣	51	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	...	...	...	...
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	1.8	...
238	81	Forward Gps	233	– 1	9.6	3.8	10.6
21	16½	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
364	264	GEC	313	– 3	10.9	3.4	...
182	132	Gresley	182	...	...	1.6	12.7
39	39	Hillcrest ♣	39	...	...	2.6	10.1
189	83	INSTEM ♣	148 †	– 9	...	2.7	16.2
330	330	Jones Stroud	393	...	8.0	2.7	16.2
8	8	Kembrey	9	...	...	5.2	3.4
260	260	Kenwood App	312	...	...	3.0	16.5

ELECTRICITY

407	389	East Midlands	450	– 1	17.1	4.8	8.7
393	369	Eastern Elect	463	– 2	16.7	4.5	11.5
358	304	Hydro—Elect	333	– 4	10.1	3.8	13.5
900½	604	London Elect	860	– 5	16.8	4.6	8.9
598	458	Manweb	512	– 5	18.2	4.5	7.4
514	429½	Midlands Elec	472	– 4	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	430	Northern Elec	496	– 4	18.5	4.7	7.4
544	439	Norweb	497	– 1	17.7	4.5	9.4
397	265	Scottish Power	313	+ 1	17.2	4.3	9.0
589	436	Seebourd	497	+ 1	17.2	4.3	8.3
971	468	Sth Wales	521	– 5	17.4	4.5	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	480	– 5	16.6	4.5	9.1
496	406	Southern Elec	459	– 3	16.6	4.5	9.1
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	509	– 6	17.7	4.4	8.4
354½	273	National Power	326	– 9	9.1	3.5	10.8
353	273	PowerGen	338	– 9	...	3.9	10.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

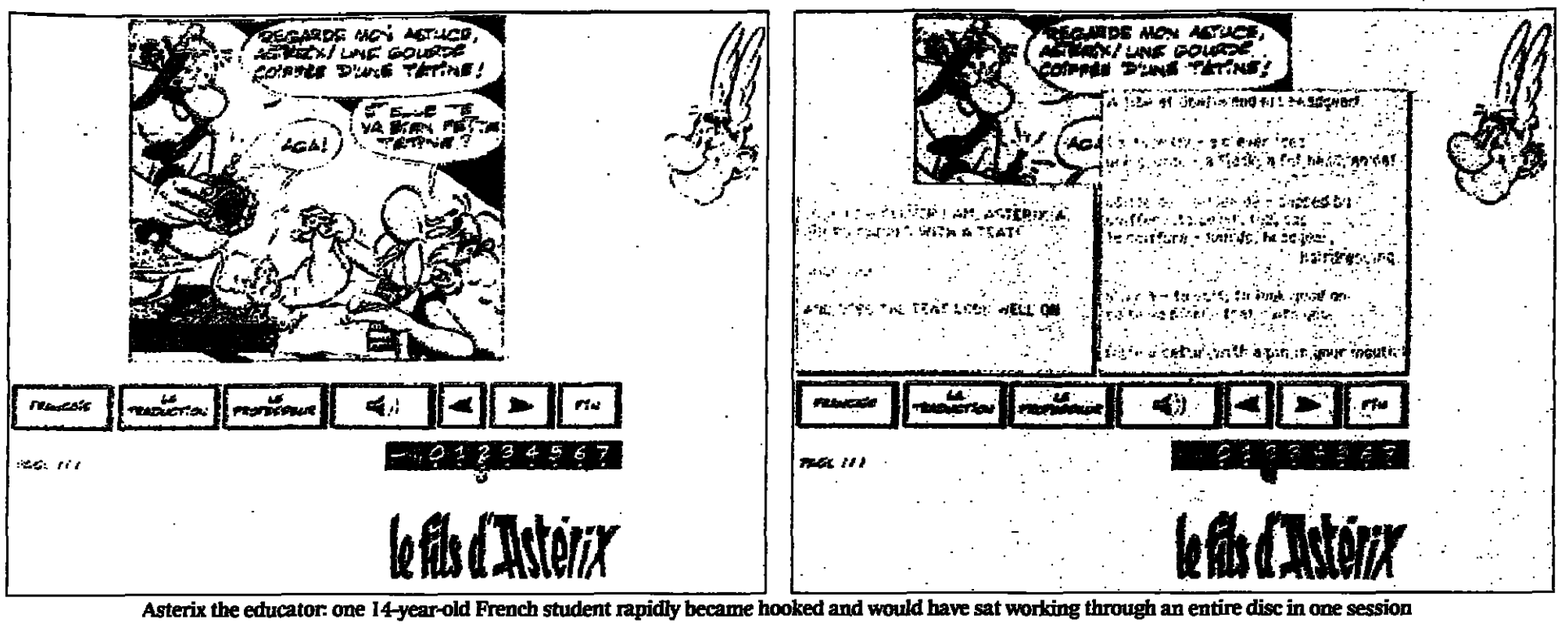
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	...	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	668	...	12.5	2.3	24.8
9	3½	Anglo Ind	8	...	0.8	...	...
£107½	8325	BASF Dm	9112½	+125	...	7.6	...
285	221	BTP	286	+ 1	9.3	4.5	20.8
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£106½	+99½	...	5.4	...
178	134	Biagden	178	+ 2	9.5	6.7	19.2
165	137	Brent Chems	157½	+ 2½	7.4	4.7	...
530	425	Br Bio-Tech	425	...	...	...	...
26	18	Caird Gp	24	+ 1	1.3	6.9	...
153	126	Canning (W)	133	+ 1	7.2	6.9	15.3
608	533½	Courtaulds	595	+ 1	13.0	2.9	15.0
281	228	Crodn	137	...	7.75	3.5	...
146	121	Dscllet	137	...	4.6	4.2	10.5
203	175	Ellis & Everard	196	...	7.0	4.5	17.9
28	15½	Enro Colour	24½	...	0.6	3.5	14.3
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	...	...
237	194	Hickson	226	...	8.0	4.2	...
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9825	+115½	...	3.6	...
1309	1048	ICI	1259	– 9	58.0	5.4	31.8
688	581	Laporte	688	+ 1	29.5	5.9	15.0
223	161	Leigh	184	+ 3	7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	8	MTM	8½	–12½	...	1.7	...
1472½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1687½	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
395	380	-do- 'A'	390	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	256	Pyrus	287	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Rowntree	210	...	3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	Sandiffe Speak	9	...	...	...	...
435	425	Wardle Storeys	435	+ 7	16.0	4.8	17.5
393	355	Wardblaze B	387	+ 7	17.0	4.7	15.4
398	348	Yorks Chems	397	+ 1	...	2.4	21.3
300	240	Yule Catto	288	...	5.9	2.6	...

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	85	...	3.0	4.4	...
57	42	Amber Day	57	...	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	267	Argos Plc	308	+ 6	...	2.9	20.8
108	69	Ashley (Laura)	108	+ 6	0.1	0.1	...
308	278	Asprey ♣	295	...	...	2.7	...
245	188	Austin Reed	233 †	...	8.0	3.4	...
145	125	Bennie Cl 'A'	140 †	...	6.0	5.4	...
123	97	Bensalls	109 †	...	1.9	2.2	...
226	208	Benerwam	226	...	...	...	0.4
34	22	Blacks Leis	34	...	...	1.1	...
272	155	Body Shop	200	– 4½	1.7	0.8	...
128	12	Brown A Jackson	15½	...	...	0.6	...
401	318	Brown (N)	348	...	7.0	2.0	...
9½	6½	Burton	6½	+ 1	...	0.6	36.6
145	126	Cameron	135	...	...	4.4	31.6
355	295	Church	355	...	12.5	3.6	17.6
113	97	Clinton Cards	106	...	4.2	3.9	25.7
247	212	Coats Viyella	234	+ 4	...	...	15.3
106	78	Colorvision ♣	90	...	5.0	1.2	22.1
388	374	Courts Furnish	387	+ 2	...	5.5	6.4
158	115	Crown Hse ♣	137	+ 3	...	3.2	...
106	89	Dalry Farm Intl	104	+ 4	1.0	2.0	20.4
65	51½	Dewhirst (JI)	65½	+ ½	6.0	3.4	25.6
281	194½	Dixons Grp	278	+ 3	7.7	2.4	13.9
406	320	Dunhill	401	+ 2	...	...	...
21	12½	EMA Gp	18	...	16.0	4.3	16.2
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	...	3.4	17.1
115	71	Essex Porn	101	+ 1	6.9	3.7	21.3
258	208	Exmn	258	+ 1	12.7	3.0	...
552	490	Fine Art Dev	550	– 2	...	...	...
500	406	Fired Earth Tiles	500	...	...	...	...
51	26	Formmaster	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
34	24	French Conns	30	...	...	2.5	8.4
67	23	Galiford ♣	42	...	0.5	1.2	49.9
63	43	Gent Sht	58	– 1	8.2	14.1	...
67	23	Goldsmiths Gp	65	...	4.0	6.1	17.5
2913	2400	GUS	2813	– 2	49.0	3.1	13.0
1788	1363	-do- 'A'	1655	...	...	3.6	17.3
14½	8	Hampden Grps	14	...	1.1	10.0	33.5
27	22	Harrisons	26	– 2	4.8	2.3	5.3
29½	20	Helene Pic	21	...	...	2.0	12.0
44	39	Heritage ♣	44	...	...	...	...
63	49	Hornsgate Inv	61	...	...	...	...
182	128	Hse of Lerose	182	...	10.3	6.7	...
93	63	Jacques Vert	78	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	611	...	4.0	7.5	13.7
24	15½	Leslie Wise Gp	16½	...	0.6	3.6	10.4
685	495	Liberty	640	– 1	5.3	2.3	12.8
330	265	Lloyds Chem	307	...	...	1.3	18.7
152	120	MFI	144	...	...	2.6	21.2
360	311	Marks Spencer	358	...	...	2.5	16.7
502	345	Mercdes (Johnl	502	...	...	...	...
175	135	Moss Bros	167 †	...	3.5	4.1	...
184	134	Next	164½	+ 6½	2.5	1.9	20.2
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INFOTECH

David Hewson reports on how an irrepressible Gaul is helping to teach French by compact disc



Asterix the educator: one 14-year-old French student rapidly became hooked and would have sat working through an entire disc in one session

Asterix breaks the language barrier

Personal computers have usually had a fatal weakness as tools for language training. While they can handle pictures and words on screen adeptly, technical constraints have usually meant the best they could offer for speech was a tinny, robotic voice.

Matching sounds to words is a crucial facility in any language learning system, and to date personal computers have usually failed to make the grade.

All of this is changing with the growing popularity of CD Rom-based software using a compact disc. A number of packages are being developed and several are already on sale for Windows and Apple Macintosh systems.

Later this year, for example, a government-sponsored CD Rom for teaching national curriculum French to secondary school pupils will be launched by the CD publisher, Interactive Learning Productions, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

One of the most entertaining CD Rom language packages available comes from the publisher Eurotalk. It has licensed the popular Asterix cartoon character and based language courses around three full-length Asterix stories.

Because of the flexibility of the Asterix system, you can use the same stories in a variety of ways — from English into French, vice versa, Spanish into English and even English into Japanese. All that changes are the voice-overs and, where appropriate, the on-screen text "bubbles" through which the characters speak.

The Asterix discs, which are available for Windows, Mac, and Commodore CDTV systems, are a good example of how sophisticated interactive learning techniques can be on a CD-ROM system. A complete published Asterix story runs across two discs and can be either enjoyed with a straight read-through or used for polishing up the colloquial French in which the cartoon strip is written.

Each "page" of the cartoon story can be used in several ways. Normally, the student will see the pictures which are the same as those in the original Asterix books without the text bubbles, with the words read by actors and music and sound effects as appropriate.

Then the student looks at the words in the bubbles by clicking the Français button. The next step is to see the translation of the text — *La Traduction*. Finally, a teacher's interpretation of the scene, with any special points or colloquialisms, can be called up by clicking on *Le Professeur*.

How effective is it as a teaching tool? The first thing that has to be said is that the discs are enormous fun, which always helps with any teaching tool.

Even professional French teachers we showed the system to found word usages which they did not know, and jokes they had not guessed at, revealed by *Le Professeur*.

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In one scene, for example, the double play on the word "gourde", meaning oaf as well flask, is not the stuff of national curriculum French, and the same can be said of the word "fette" which is revealed as "cette" spoken by someone with a safety pin in his mouth.

The colloquialism of the Asterix books in French does make the discs something of a specialised learning tool. They are not for beginners, and even in secondary schools they would probably be more suited to older students who have progressed beyond everyday national curriculum studies.

On the other hand, they are certainly addictive. One 14-year-old French student who was shown them rapidly became hooked and would have sat working through an entire disc in one session.

Eurotalk is very much aware that it is in the vanguard of language teaching on CD Rom, and has several refinements to the system in train. The company is adamant that it does not see the discs as a replacement for teachers and wants to introduce new features which will make the system more of a group learning tool, not less.

With the right equipment, the student can already record his or her voice on the system, following the disc's own speech, and then play back the results to compare how close the pronunciation is.

Eventually, students will be able to overdub complete parts, enabling a group of students to take over the roles of the various characters and hear the results played back during the action on the screen.

At the moment, Asterix is an expensive luxury for anyone wanting to use the system at home. Each disc costs £89 and the addictive nature of the Asterix stories guarantees that, having worked your way through one, you will surely want to buy the second disc.

Yet, as CD-ROMs become more of a consumer item, instead of a business one, the price of software is likely to fall across the board, probably to around the £30 to £40 mark.

This is still a lot of money compared with a book, but the publishers of CD-ROM material would doubtless prefer the comparison to be made with the producers of games for machines like the Nintendo, which would put them in quite a favourable light.

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ONLINE

Lotus in bloom

HOPING to regain lost customers in the computer spreadsheet business, Lotus Development has announced a redesigned version of its flagship 1-2-3 spreadsheet program for the Windows system.

Lotus stock jumped last week on positive reviews in US computer trade publications, such as *PC Week*. It will begin selling the program next month, at a list price of £429 including VAT. Existing 1-2-3 users can trade up to the new version for £116, while a so-called "competitive upgrade" for those using a rival product will cost £175.

Deal nears

THE European Community is close to an agreement on a controversial plan to promote high-definition television (HDTV), according to Arne Melchior, the Danish communications minister.

He said he expected Britain to withdraw its lone veto next month and accept that a maximum £226 million of public money would be spent by the end of 1996 on promoting wide-screen television to prepare a market for HDTV.

Your choice

IBM and Blockbuster Entertainment have teamed up to sell a system in the US that will allow a customer in a retail store to select a music album and have a compact disc made on the spot. The partnership is expected to develop other applications, such as making and selling computer software and video games on demand.

A new company, called Fairway Technology, will develop the distribution system, which uses digital databases. The system will be tested later this year with a launch expected in mid-1994.

Word perfect

STARTING next year, travellers on one of Japan's main railways will be able to state their destination to voice-recognising ticket machines and receive instructions back again in either English or Japanese.

Users pick up a telephone-like receiver attached to the machine and speak the name of their station. They then use a touch-panel screen to indicate the number of tickets wanted and the screen displays the price.

The machine is able to recognise the station's name about 95 per cent of the time, says East Japan Railway spokeswoman Sumiko Kubo, although occasionally it has to offer the user three choices if the voice recogniser is not certain of what was said.

Just the fax

A MAN seeking Swedish citizenship resorted to what police called "fax terrorism" in a desperate attempt to bring his case to the attention of immigration authorities. He finally got his papers after launching a week-long fax campaign in April 1992, bombarding the immigration office with 33lb of paper and blocking three fax machines until the office was forced to change its fax number. The man was later granted citizenship and offered to compensate the immigration board for the fax paper.

The faxes, sent to the immigration board director general, said: "Director general, get a move on your workers." The board reported him to the police and he has now been charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace.



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Just to put you in the picture

Dial-an-image will help industry

A "video" telephone that transmits still pictures over ordinary phone lines has been announced by AT&T. The company says the Picasso still-image phone is intended primarily for the business market.

The phone, priced at about £2,100 in the United States, can send colour images such as architectural drawings over standard phone lines via a camcorder or photo compact-disc. Images can go to any other unit hooked to a television.

Robert Kavner, AT&T's group executive for communications products, says the system will allow businesses to discuss projects with out-of-town offices or customers while both parties look at the same photo or sketch.

> 'We were able to explain issues instantly'

Users can also use a computer mouse to draw on the television screen and make alterations. Using it will cost no more than a regular phone call, in terms of line charges.

The phone can store up to 32 images and optional Windows-based software can connect it to a personal computer, allowing the user to store images on the computer and print them out.

AT&T has tested the new system at Neiman Marcus, a Dallas-based department-store chain, to show customers at one store pictures of items at another.

"Now, in essence, we can have our entire inventory of jewellery available at every store," said Dean Liles a spokesman for the company.

Joseph Barba, project director for international engineering company, Foster Wheeler, says his staff use the phone to transmit architectural plans to customers.

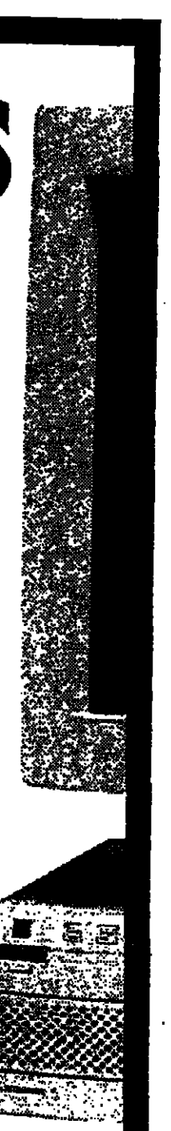
"When we used the phone to send images of design drawings simultaneously with voice communications, we found we were able to explain and resolve issues almost instantaneously," he said.

He added that the system cut down on corporate travel time and his company planned to purchase two of the phones initially.

AT&T says it will also make the phones available at Marriott convention centre hotels, allowing people to conduct meetings with visual aids while away from the office.

Mr Kavner said AT&T was also considering a link with Eastman Kodak to provide the hardware for the image phone. "We found that the phone works superbly with Kodak's Photo CD Player to let people send full-colour, high-quality still images," said Fred Geyer, general manager and vice president for Kodak CD imaging.

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Waiting for the call to arms

Mobile phone operators are expecting a price war soon, says **Matthew May**



Stranded: cheaper mobile phone services could take off if people want a precaution against the unexpected

Cost, cost and cost. That is the subject taxing the minds of those in the business of providing mobile phone services as they prepare for a fundamental change in their market this autumn when the first two of several cheaper networks are expected to start.

They hope it will quickly result in tens of thousands more people signing up to have a phone in their pocket or car and, within a few years, the appealing prospect of millions more.

There are countless customers who would buy a mobile phone if it was cheap enough — not least as a precaution to deal with unexpected events, such as a car breaking down in the middle of nowhere. The problem is that these new customers will be far more concerned than business users about high monthly subscription charges.

However, it is a market that every mobile operator will eventually want as more networks come on stream and the capacity expands to a size much too large simply for affluent or company users.

Cellnet, for example, has backed a new edition of *A guide to safer travel* — a booklet produced by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust — based on the assumption that in some circumstances a mobile phone can help ensure personal safety.

What is causing the industry both optimism and some trepidation is a plan by Mercury One-2-One (MO), owned by Cable and Wireless and US West, to start selling a new and cheaper mobile phone system by September that will initially operate only within an area bounded by the M25. Vodafone says it is preparing to launch a similar service, MCN.

Although prices for One-2-One have not been officially announced, MO recently published the charges used for certain "trials" which are likely to be similar to the real ones. There are two options. One roughly halves the price of calls compared with the standard services of the two present operators, Cellnet and Vodafone, but retains a high subscription charge of £20 a month.

The other option would allow customers to opt for a service with a lower monthly subscription of £12.50 but with call charges only a little lower than the existing standard services.

Any desire to make prices initially more attractive to the mass market is hampered by the fact that while customers will have to pay about £300 for a new mobile phone — existing ones will not work on the new network — they actually cost about £200 more to manufacture and so prices must include a loading to recover this subsidy.

This follows the realisation that customers would baulk at signing up for even a relatively cheap mobile network if they had to pay £500 or more for the phone.

In the early days this is unlikely to be much of a problem, because MO will pitch the service at business users. Within a couple of years, as the network spreads, technological developments and economies of scale are expected to bring the manufacturing costs down to a level where a subsidy is no longer needed.

MO will then be able to cut prices, which may be necessary because there is likely to be fierce competition between four or five operators offering a total of at least ten different services.

Cellnet and Vodafone have already each introduced low-use services where a lower monthly subscription of £15 a month is compensated for by higher call charges.

At the moment, however, service providers — the companies which connect people to the networks operated by Cellnet and Vodafone — are preparing for an onslaught of enquiries when the new networks start to be advertised. The enquiries will not all be welcome because they are likely to include a significant number from mobile phone owners who may want to break contracts tying them to more expensive services. Initially these will come from those who only use theie phones inside the M25.

> 'You don't want to be ripped off by rises after you have signed your contract'

Service providers will face an added problem because MO will be able to sell the new network direct to customers. At the moment, Cellnet and Vodafone have to sell their networks through service providers, although this restriction will be removed at the beginning of next year.

Only some service providers will sell One-2-One, but those who do hope that with so many different options becoming available — each with its own complex charging structures — new customers will come to them for advice about which one to choose.

Typical of such providers is Charles Wigoder, the managing director of Cellular Communications, which has devised a new brand, the People's Phone. This, he says, removes the need for customers to worry about which service is best for them. It is, he claims, ideal "if you don't want to be ripped off by sudden price rises after you have signed your contract and if you want to be protected from a nasty suprise when you get your bill".

He says that at the moment customers signed up with the standard services spend an average of £55 a month on their mobile phones, including the monthly subscription. Those who have opted for one of the low-use services pay an average of £23, including subscription.

With the number of extremely cost-conscious customers likely to expand fast on the new networks, the People's Phone has introduced a call quota service. A pre-arranged monthly amount for call charges is agreed on and, once reached, the phone will only accept incoming calls unless the subscriber contacts them.

Similary, a £250 People's Phone handset includes features that allows only certain numbers to be dialled, or limits the total time allowed.

This is perfect, says Mr Wigoder, for situations such as lending a mobile phone to a party-bound teenage offspring so that he or she can phone home if a lift is needed or a problem arises.

With the phone suitably tweaked it is impossible for them to run riot with the phone, running up huge bills by spending the entire evening trying to phone their favourite pop stars in America.

Pirates ahoy at the boot sale

Cut-price computer programs sold from the backs of cars are causing a headache

The boom in car boot sales has given software pirates an ideal outlet and a quick getaway. Traders in search of a quick profit are offering copies of original computer programs sometimes costing hundreds of pounds for a fraction of the price and they are proving an irresistible bargain.

The number of incidents reported to the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) has soared. Two years ago it rarely received complaints — today the figure can reach ten a week.

Daily takings totalling hundreds of pounds per trader are common and mean that many are prepared to return time and again and risk prosecution. Some dealers are even using official catalogues where customers can look up the software they want and it is copied for them on the spot.

Trading standards officers admit that the law does not make the situation easy to control. They must prove that the sale of pirated software is being conducted "in the course of a business" — a phrase which can prove a stumbling block, says Colin Sheppeardson, enforcement officer at Humberside Trading Standards.

"The problem is that legislation is aimed at traders and businesses, not at those who copy a few programs at home and sell them at a car boot sale," he explained. "The ones we are after are people offering, say, 100 discs for sale, but keeping their own back-up library at home."

Humberside is helped by the 1982 Humberside Act which requires all second-hand dealers to be registered and obliges them to keep a record of where they obtained their goods.

Other parts of the country are less fortunate, and traders have become increasingly bold.

Scottish law poses its own problem for the law enforcers. Whereas in England you can test a sample of discs to achieve a conviction, north of the border they have to examine every one they seize.

One dealer prosecuted by Bury Trading Standards, Greater Manchester, this month was sentenced to 180 hours' community service, ordered to pay £500 costs and had £2,000-worth of computer equipment confiscated.

Officers seized 4,000 discs from his home at Prestwich, and when they heard that he was still trading they returned to confiscate 500 more, including several containing hard-core pornographic image They also found a copy of the M *DOS 6 operating system* — seve months before its official relea by Microsoft.

FAST fears that some trade *may be part of emerging softwa* crime rings and has launched i own campaign, using a nation *database to keep track of the* activities.

A normally law-abiding publ takes a share of the blame fo encouraging software piracy. P rate traders are helped by the fa that their customers are eith unaware that they are doing an thing wrong, or fail to take the la seriously.

FAST opts for the former. t own research indicates that ign rance of the law is the sing largest cause of illegal softwa *copying — responsible for muc* more than half of all incident



"In our experience it is don through ignorance or carelessnes not maliciousness. Most peopl genuinely don't realise what the are doing," said operations ma ager, Robin Lawrence.

The Software Publishers Assoc ation believes its members cou face even bigger losses unless ther *is a radical change in the publ* attitude.

"It is vital that government employers and software publishe take action. People have to b educated to treat software as oth people's property," said the SPA European managing director, G rard Gabella.

"We must change their attitud and unless we have done so by t year 2010, we are going to have major problem on our hands". Ca boot customers, take note.

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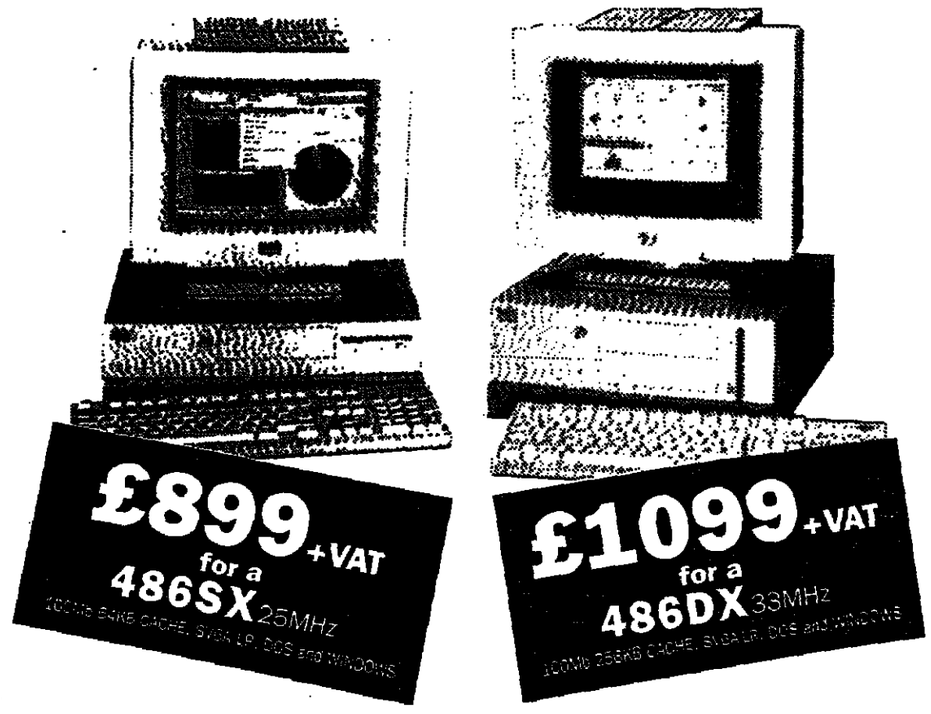
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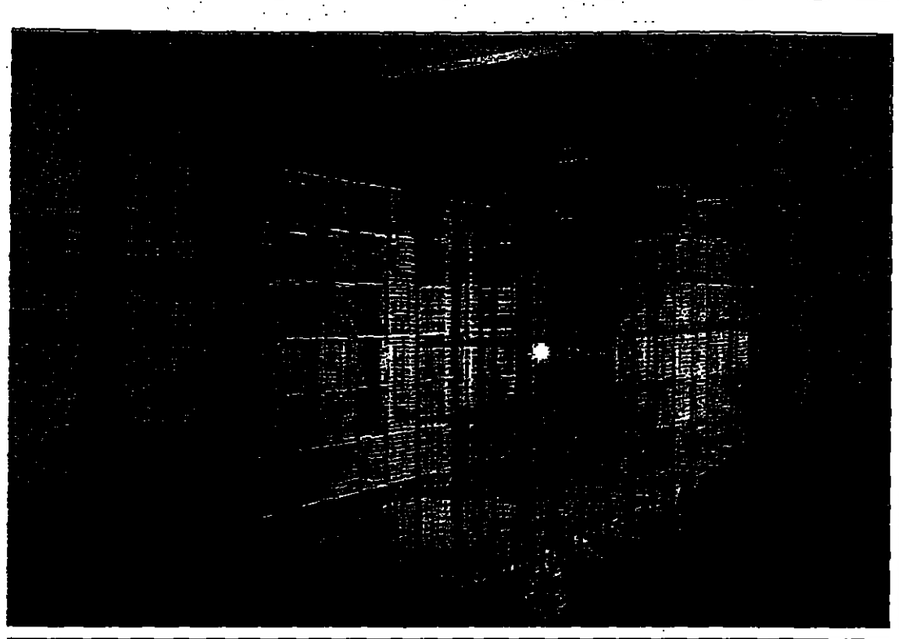
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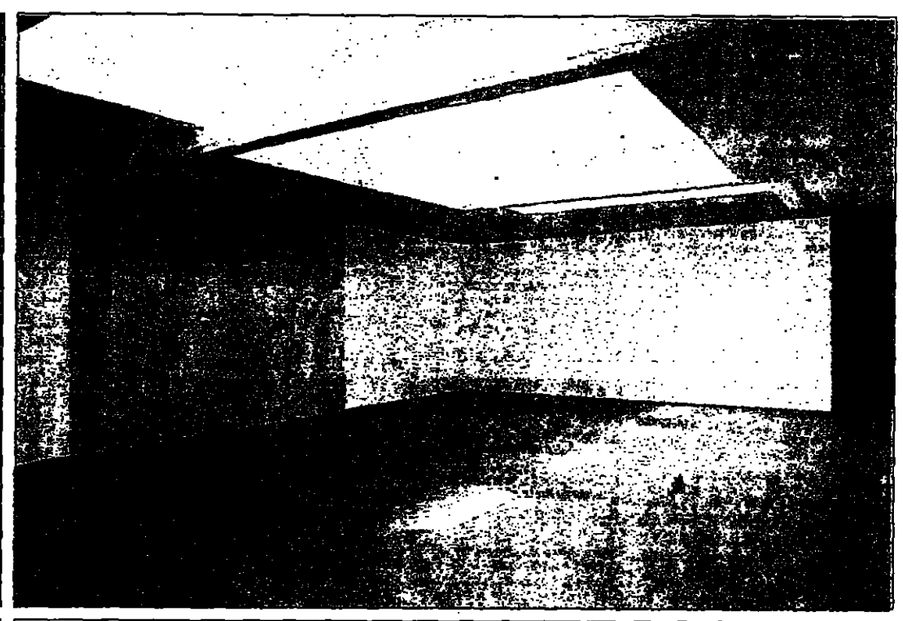
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In search of a room with a view

GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on the ways in which four artists responded to an invitation to create a room of their own









Transformations, explorations: clockwise from top left, Mona Hatoum's *Light Sentence*; Gladstone Thompson's untitled room; Nat Goodden's *Boundary Layer* and Vong Phaophanit's *Neon rice field*

Born in Laos 32 years ago, **Vong Phaophanit** has not seen his home and family since 1973. As a political refugee, he spent student years in Paris before moving to England. Although he is among the younger artists representing Britain at this year's Venice Biennale, his work proves that the land of his childhood is not forgotten. Memories of that distant world inform everything he produces, and in the Serpentine Gallery's "Four Rooms" exhibition he evokes his Laotian past with limpid economy and directness.

The floor of his space has been filled with rice, shaped into a series of mounds and furrows. They stretch away to the far wall like ridges in a ploughed field. But Phaophanit makes no attempt to pretend that the gallery has somehow become transformed, through illusionism, into the agricultural terrain of his native country. Instead, he allows the beds of rice to be illuminated by thin bars of warm orange light. Although their warmth seems to nourish the "field" where they are embedded, the light is neon-generated. So organic rice is brought into an unlikely proximity with synthetic illumination, and the two ought to collide jarringly with each other.

Against all odds, however, age-old rural simplicity and modern urban technology do not conflict. Their juxtaposition is surprising, and doubtless reflects Phaophanit's awareness of divided loyalties deep within himself. But the overall impact is unexpectedly serene. Even though the ploughed field emits a streamlined glow, and might appear sullied by this alien intruder, calmness prevails. The misty orange lines induce a contemplative mood, as if the artist is suggesting that harmonious order and fertility might somehow be the outcome of this strange alliance.

Phaophanit's work is so radiant and resolved that he makes us forget about the identity of the room itself. The other three artists invited to make installations for the show, and react to the architectural character of their allotted sites, deal more combatively with the locations they have been given. **Gladstone Thompson** must have decided to counter the deficiencies of the South Gallery, the only room normally unlit by windows. Visitors are often tempted to pass through it quickly. Thompson tackles this head-on. Working with unadorned plywood, he has made a structure which leads our eyes away from the passage between the doors.

The pale plywood sheets run up one wall, follow the beams across the skylight and descend the wall opposite. They invite us to consider the space in a new way, and to realise for the first time how important the natural source of illumination in the ceiling really is. Gallery lighting has been dispensed with here, so that we become aware of the fluctuations in daylight. Butcompared with James Turrell, whose installation at the Hayward Gallery is such a revelation, Thompson's room seems muted to a fault. Determined to be austere and unassuming, he deprives his space of the visual interest to sustain our attention.

If Thompson starves us, **Nat Goodden** goes to the other extreme. Given the grandest space in the Serpentine, the domed and lofty North Gallery, he insists on constructing an elaborate, highly theatrical labyrinth inside its well-proportioned walls. Visitors are obliged to make their way up a scaffolding staircase to a wooden platform running round the uppermost reaches of the room. The airiness of this vantage contrasts with the murky confinement of the stairs. Look up, and the ceiling's cool white geometry becomes far more pleasingly visible than before. Look down, though, and the normally uncluttered interior below is transformed into a maze.

Fanning out in a network of conflicting directions, rank upon rank of deep blue veils fill the room to bursting-point. They thrust towards the boundaries of the space, as if determined to pierce them. And this desire to break down barriers is paralleled in the material of the veils. Each translucent curtain consists of X-ray photographs, discarded by hospitals but re-arranged in neat rows. Since we cannot walk through, close inspection of the images is impossible. But enough is visible to make the point that Goodden, like the X-ray machine, wants to reveal the gallery in a way that nobody has apprehended before.

Although it is an ingenious showpiece, I was left with a sense of dissatisfaction. The amount of effort involved in changing our perception of the room seemed out of all proportion to the insights it offered. Whereas an X-ray changes the way we look at ourselves, and supplies an abundance of new information about our bodies, Goodden's labyrinth provided only a limited insight into the nature of the location at his disposal.

Maybe it is a mistake for artists to become over-involved with the space, at the expense of larger considerations. The opportunity to respond to a Serpentine site may well prove stimulating, but it can also lead to work of narrow interest. **Mona Hatoum** implies that she realises this. Ignoring windows which usually give the long West Gallery such brightness, she constructs a claustrophobic room within a room. Rather than seeing the Serpentine with fresh eyes, we are made, by her installation, to forget where we are.

The idyllic view of Kensington Gardens' trees and grass has been shut away, by a wall as windowless as all the others in Hatoum's ominous chamber. And the sense of confinement is reinforced by the three-sided row of lockers occupying the room's centre. Although many of them are open, and their metal grille sides enable us to see that they are all empty, their presence here remains disquieting. They resemble cages, and their stillness seems eerily expectant.

Hatoum offers no information about the purpose of the lockers, but the solitary lightbulb dangling nakedly within them increases the sinister mood. For the bulb moves stealthily up and down, making the grid-like shadows cast by the lockers on the walls behind shift and tremble. These shadows appear to enclose us, just as the cages are meant to close around their unknown prisoners. But the incessant movement and fragmentation of the lines, as they sway across the walls, induce a feeling of unsteadiness bordering on disorientation.

Hatoum is a disciplined artist, and stops well short of Grand Guignol. The bulb moves slowly, preventing the shadows from dancing crazily over the room. But they are still disconcerting enough to suggest that she is drawing, here, on knowledge of oppression in her native Beirut. Her simple, mundane materials evoke an air of unmistakable menace. Like Phaophanit, the other most memorable contributor to the exhibition, she brings her experience of a distant culture into thought-provoking confrontation with a quite different context. Originally a decorous tea pavilion, the Serpentine Gallery now houses a far from polite meditation on the barbarity which so often disrupts society's civilise veneer.

● *Four Rooms continues at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens. London W2 (071-402 6075), open daily until June 6.*

GALLERY CHOICE

● **JAMES LYNCH:** The magical light which bathes Lynch's rolling English landscapes and round English animals and birds may faintly recall the visionary gleam of Samuel Palmer. But Lynch's construction is bold and straightforward, and the distinctive effect of his work comes largely from the sheer quality of painting, which sets him apart from the normal run of "animal artists".
Maas Gallery, 15a Clifford Street, W1 (071-734 2302). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, until May 28.

● **THE SPLENDOUR OF DUTCH DELFTWARE:** Given the abiding passion of the English gentry for Dutch delftware, from William and Mary on, it is surprising that it has not been more frequently exhibited in this country. English delftware, of course, is frequently seen, and the Dutch originals are prominent in Hampton Court and many country houses, but this show seems to be one of the first devoted entirely to it. It concentrates mainly on the great period, 1660-1720, including major pieces from the Adriaen Kocks factory which was the main supplier to British royalty. In all about 140 pieces.
Jacob Stodel, 116 Kensington Church Street, W8 (071-221 2652). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, until May 31.

● **BOTSWANA LIVE!** Part of the Commonwealth Institute's centenary celebrations, this show features contemporary arts and crafts from Botswana, including the work of more than 70 artists. The range is wide, from paintings and drawings in local versions of international styles to the traditional wood carving of the Bushmen. There are also impressive ceramics, traditional and modern: woven textiles; ostrich eggshell beadwork and jewellery (a particularly local form); and toys made from waste tin cans, wire and plastic; an inventive and sometimes astonishing fusion of old and new.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8 (071-603 4535). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, until June 13.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Light on Caravaggio

ART MARKET DIARY

A PAINTING which hung, ignored, in an Irish religious college for three generations turns out to be a priceless original by Caravaggio. *Christ Taken into Captivity* was not spotted by an Irishman, however, and as this month's *Art Newspaper* gleefully points out, the chairman of the gallery's trustees, William Finlay, spent years walking obliviously past it while he was a student at Jesuit House in Dublin.

It took the sharp eyes of Sergio Benedetti, the Florentine chief restorer at the National Gallery in Dublin, to spot the winner. Having gained permission from the monks to have a good look at it under bright lights, Benedetti shared his convictions with Sir Denis Mahon, a leading London authority on the artist. Sir Denis, in turn, gave the new attribution the thumbs-up.

Now it transpires that the painting, which shows a pained-looking Christ being kissed by Judas, was brought back from Italy by the Scottish Hamilton Nisbet family in 1802 and given to the college by a benefactor 120 years later.

From October the college is placing the work on long-term loan to the National Gallery in Dublin. Thus it can be said that Ireland's "most important discovery ever", as the museum's director Raymond Keaveney described it yesterday, is also therefore by some distance its cheapest acquisition.

Turn and Turner

THE Royal Holloway and Bedford New College's Turner is up for sale again, this time by the Department of National Heritage. Two months ago the painting was at the centre of a heritage outcry when the university college, on Egham Hill to the southwest of London, clinched a deal to sell it to the Getty Museum in California for £11 million.

Now, according to the rules of the British art export system, the seascape *Van Tromp Going About to Please his Masters* must be offered for a time to potential British buyers, such as museums and multi-millionaires. As neither our museums nor private buyers have this kind of money easily to hand nowadays, the routine of offering it around is nothing less than a pantomime.

In the meantime, the ministry for fun says, "anyone interested in making an offer" is invited to do so before July 26.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

PERFORMANCE: **Jeremy Kingston** wanders the countryside, searching in vain for a zebra

Treasure hunt goes off half-Cocteau

We were an expectant group of five, waiting at Victoria Station for the 18.45 Gatwick Express: There was Bea, representing the company promoting **The Joy of Return**, this Barclays New Stages adventure; and Guy, from the Royal Court, where the six other events of the season will be staged next month. Charles, critic for the *Daily Something Else*, was present; myself, and James, an actual member of the public. We asked James what had drawn him to make the journey into darkest East Sussex. He replied: "I saw the poster of a zebra in a tutu and I thought, 'That's for me'."

We happened to be standing in front of that same poster in which a figure wearing a tutu and a zebra's head clambered up a steam locomotive. We agreed that its Cocteauish air had intrigued us all.

So, on to the train and thence to Gatwick, where a chartered coach awaited us — all part of the deal arranged with the Brighton Festival and running nightly till May 22. A 25-minute drive brought us to Sheffield Park, southern terminus of the Bluebell Line. This was to be the starting point of our entertainment, billed as a performance journey and presented by Limn Gaza, a name claimed to mean "the discovery of treasure".

On the platform a man and woman sensibly dressed in 1940s clothes enjoyed a brief encounter on the footbridge. What other railway legends could we expect? Ghosts? Vanishing ladies? Anna Karenina?



Spot the non-existent zebra? Limn Gaza aboard the Bluebell Railway during a performance of their show, *The Joy of Return*

The unalloyed joy of the evening proved to be the ride on the steam train, sitting back on unimaginably comfortable seats in a coach panelled with wood — and this was just the Third Class! Mysterious ticket inspectors told us we were being taken through time to Chronos Halt, known in daytime as Horsted Keynes.

Here the true entertainment began and proved seriously wanting. Lined up on Platform 4, we watched a tedious film about travelling, projected on to Platform 3. Five dancers in striped pyjamas danced. A Chandleresque private eye, unaccountably wearing a ram's head, told us at tedious length that he was chasing two people trapped in a time warp. These proved to be Laura, saved by a snatch of Rachmaninov from *jumping on to the line*, and then from the other end of the platform came Alec running — "Oh, darling!" "Yes, darling!".

Having darlinged their way amusingly through Coward's dreadful dialogue, they were dragged off to the court of the Supreme Ticket Inspector, a ranting demagogue with — nice touch — steam trains as his epaulettes. More dancing occurred and the theme had something to do with time, that's all I can say about it, because the dialogue was banal and the encounters were both unexciting and amateurish.

The opportunities for something extraordinary and magical were present, but Limn Gaza's imaginative skills are, on this showing, far too slack to hold the attention or stimulate the mind. Their creations charm the eye, but that's about it.

So, back to our Third Class carriage and, as the title puts it, the joy of return. And nowhere, nowhere at all, did we see a zebra, in or out of a tutu. So much for posters that lure us into the countryside.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

OTELLO. Another welcome outing for one of the Royal Opera House bankers Elijah Moshinsky's sombre and reliable production of Verdi's opera. Edward Downes is in the pit. Valadimir Atlantov plays the jealous Moor. Katia Ricciarelli sings Desdemona. Justino Diaz is Iago, and Anne Mason sings Emilia.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, 7.30pm.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: English National Opera revives Jonathan Miller's knockabout version of the Rossini opera — in John Abulafia's restaging — using the clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Michael Lewis returns to the cast as Figaro. Della Jones sings Rosina. Peter Bronder returns as Almaviva. Arwel Huw Morgan is Bartolo, and Richard Angas returns as Basilio. Mark Shanahan conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.30pm.

CLAIRE MARTIN: The assured 25-year-old jazz singer, deservedly praised for her recent appearances, returns for another series of concerts with saxophonist Iain Ballamy, pianist Robin Aspland, bass player Arnie Somogyi and drummer Clark Tracey.
Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, NW1 (071-916 6000), tomorrow, 9pm.

LONDON SINFONIETTA. György Ligeti, one of the most strikingly individual voices in 20th-century music, is 70 this year. The Sinfonietta, which has enjoyed a long and close association with the Hungarian composer, marks his anniversary with an education presentation (3.30pm), a documentary film showing (4.45pm), a solo keyboard recital by John Constable (6pm) and an ensemble concert under Markus Stenz (7.30pm).
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow.

TATYANA NIKOLAEVA: The veteran Russian pianist has enjoyed a belated and much-deserved spell in the limelight since her recording of the 24 Preludes and Fugues, written by Shostakovich, brought her to the attention of western audiences a couple of years ago. It was her revelatory playing of Bach that had originally inspired Shostakovich to write the pieces, and tomorrow's concert includes music by both composers, as well as a Bach arrangement by the pianist herself.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Sun, 4pm.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: The Minnesota-based **Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra** has built a formidable reputation since it was founded 34 years ago. Further extending its standing in Europe, it visits Britain under director Hugh Wolff. The programme comprises Ravel's *Le tombeau de Couperin*, Mozart's Flute Concerto No 1 (with James Galway as the soloist), Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and Mozart's Symphony No 36 "Linz".
Colston Hall, Colston Street (0272 223683), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The **Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra** (see Bristol).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), Sun, 7.30pm.

COVENTRY: Rod Williams's powerful drama **No Remission**, in which three prisoners are confined to a cell during a riot, starts a 12-venue tour in Coventry. Same production as in London last year, new cast. Dates in Manchester, Salisbury, Aldershot will follow.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

CRAWLEY: The **David Glass Ensemble** takes its acclaimed interpretation of Mervyn Peake's gothic classic *Gormenghast* on a countrywide tour. The production uses Kabuki, poor-theatre, mime and puppetry to create the fantastic world of the crumbling baroque kingdom with its host of bizarre characters.
Hawth, Hawth Avenue (0293 553636), tonight, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The South Bank touring show **Recent British Sculpture** draws from the purchases of the Arts Council over the last 11 years. It celebrates the achievements of the generation of sculptors who came to international prominence during the 1980s such as Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Antony Gormley, Alison Wilding, Bill Woodrow. Also included are younger artists Anish Kapoor and Cathy de Monchaux.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, from tomorrow to June 13.

LEEDS: **Opera North** dusts off Ponchielli's opera *La Gioconda*, rarely staged these days, but a lyrical feast if the singers meet its considerable vocal demands. This cast includes Rosalind Plowright and Sally Burgess. Production and designs are by Philip Prowse.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 440971), tonight, 7.15pm.

SHEFFIELD: Anish Kapoor, the British sculptor and 1991 Turner prizewinner, has created the designs for **Laurie Booth**'s latest dance creation *River Run*. The piece features an "octophonic sound environment" created by Hans Peter Kuhn.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA.** John Caird's boisterous production. David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
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☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS.** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales* Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just* Tues, Wed, Thurs 8pm. 150mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA.** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-434 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN.** Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tart romance to their usual high standard, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Final week.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON.** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☒ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS.** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

◩ **LOST IN YONKERS.** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. With Maureen Lipman.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins. Final week.

☐ **ON THE LEDGE.** Liverpudlians in trouble clinging to a tower block. Alan Bleasdale angered by civic rot; best when funny.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm.

☐ **ON THE PISTE.** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT.** Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days: charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE TREATMENT.** Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers, effective only in patches.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins. Additional performances May 21, 22, 24.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRAINDEAD** (18): Zombies multiply in 1950s New Zealand. Peter Jackson's gore-splattered horror comic, professionally packaged but very juvenile. Stars Timothy Balme.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

IN THE SOUP: Lovable gangster befriends and finances a struggling film-maker. Fresh, loopy comedy from Alexandre Rockwell; with Steve Buscemi and Seymour Cassel.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

MISTRESS (15): Trials and tribulations of a low-budget film project. Appealing if slender Hollywood satire, with Martin Landau. Director, Barry Primus.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WILD WEST (15): Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666).

CURRENT

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA (071-930 3647).

ALIVE (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism, director, Frank Marshall.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route. Filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum; director, Jon Amiel.
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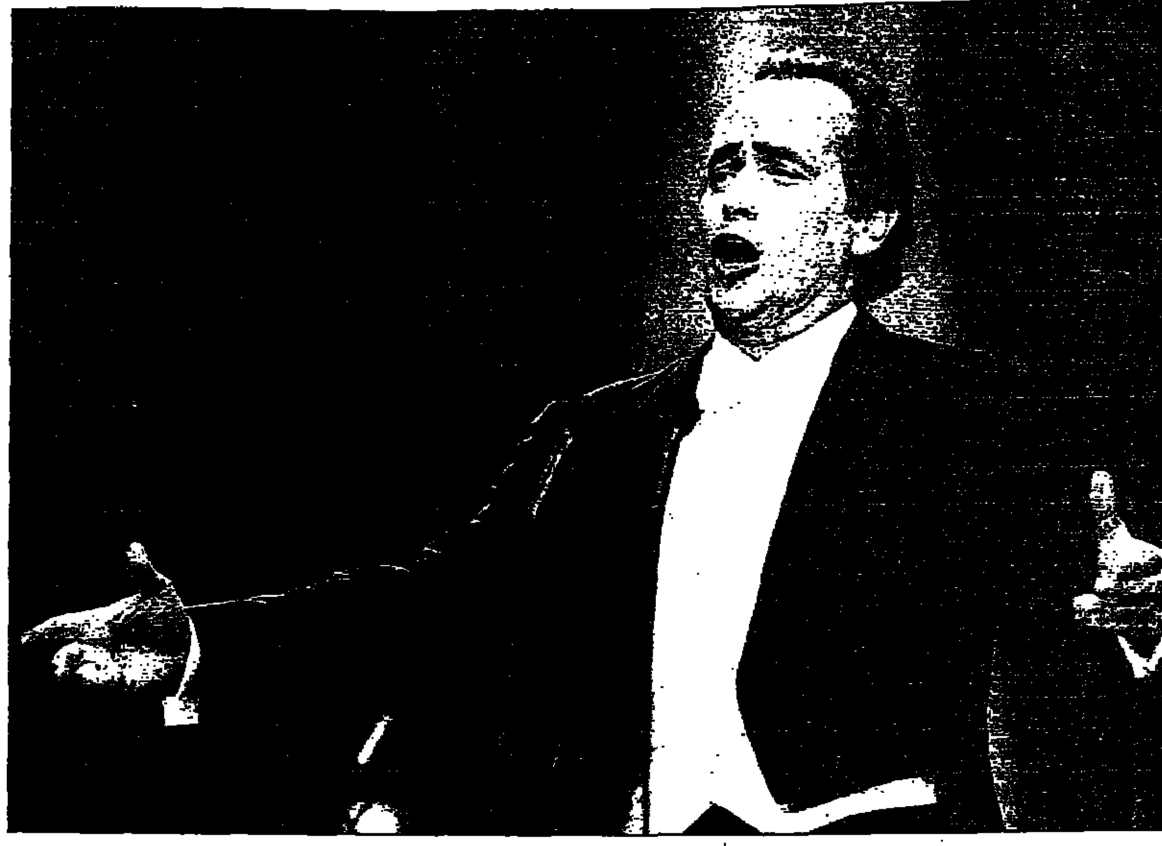
THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

TRESPASS (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

RECITAL: One of the world's top tenors, in fine form for a rare solo London appearance

Superbly disciplined passion

Jose Carreras
Albert Hall



"Shrewdly tuning in to his environment": Jose Carreras, who appeared to be perfectly at home on stage

THE late-night bus queues beamed with beatific contentment: a 25-minute wait in the chill spring air was as nothing. Jose Carreras was back in town. As if determined to banish the spectre of the austere Protestant pastor he had played to high acclaim in Verdi's *Stiffelio* in January, Carreras was at his most relaxed and most expansive. The voice, too, rang out, as robust and responsive as it has been for many years.

Since his recovery from leukaemia, Carreras has been pacing every step of his re-born career — indeed, every step of every performance — with meticulous care. That does not come easy: Carreras has never walked when he could run. That irresistible urge continually to challenge the voice, to dare it on to its very limits, and sometimes beyond, is still very much there; and it made Wednesday's recital a particularly exciting one.

The first half of the evening was, on the face of it, artfully laid back. Three short Italian arias, and he was off for a break: two by Verdi, and another pause; four Neapolitan ditties by Tosti, and then the interval. There was scarcely a high note in sight. This was in the nature of an ardent wooing of the audience and intimate conversation with them. But the temperature was rising surely, if imperceptibly.

The beating vibrato which was driven through the *fortissimo* climax of the early songs was gradually transformed to an increasingly steady, ringing acclamation. And since all these songs were in a managable range of pitch, the voice was free to exploit every expressive opportunity. Verdi's little *romanza da camera*, "Il poveretto", conjured up the fierce pride beyond the pathos of the beggar in its declamatory vigour. And Tosti's "Apri" became a vehicle for the lunar beauty of Carreras's half-voice as a passing major modulation sought out the moonlight of the verse.

Carreras has his eye on Massenet's *Hérodiade* for the near future, and the second half of his recital began with the composer's most famous *mélodie*, "Elegie". Originally written as a piano piece, it gave Lorenzo Bavaj the chance to come into his own. Throughout the evening his was light-filled playing, tuning in to the chiaroscuro of Carreras's voice, just as the singer himself was shrewdly tuning in to his environment.

Carreras now addressed his audience in Spanish. "Bella enamorada", by Severiano Soultullo and Juan Vert, was very much a song his mother might have taught him, and doubtless did. The disarming directness of communication here and in the Mexican songs by Tata Nacho drew commensurate response from an audience who could now barely contain themselves in anticipation of the final three Puccini arias.

The ease with which Carreras now moved from one vocal register and from one dynamic level to another, the supple skill with which he turned each long, arching phrase, and the bloom now glowing from the voice, was something new.

The encores went on for half-an-hour. One was sung, back to the auditorium, to the enraptured audience behind him: another took them hand by hand to find love's promised land; yet another sent Bavaj running back for the music; and "Granada", at last, brought the house lights up and the curtain down.

HILARY FINCH

ROCK: A superstar fails to sell out

Business as usual and in a good cause

Elton John
Earls Court

ALTHOUGH the tannoy announcement at Earls Court station — which explained that legitimate tickets were still available at the box office — was primarily a scalper-scuppering device, the message was loud and clear: Elton John's only two British dates this year had not sold out.

Nevertheless, Elton (like Jesus and Cliff, he has reached the stage where only one name is necessary) lunged into his first show with considerable gusto. "Pinball Wizard" and "The Bitch is Back" found the little fellow pounding enthusiastically and expertly at his slim electric piano and taking his rich, rounded voice to its limits. Sadly his unsympathetic backing band — a motley collective of leather-trousered, heavy-handed hirelings — swiftly engulfed the songs with guitar-laden rock-by-numbers. This was to be the dismal fate of the majority of the evening's up-tempo songs.

The ballads fared much better: "I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues" (which contains lyricist Bernie Taupin's most touchingly uncluttered line in "I simply love you more than I love myself") and "Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word" were nothing short of inspired.

Dressed in a succession of lurid frock coats and proudly sporting his pudding-basin hair-transplant triumph, Elton cut a mildly ludicrous figure. Frequently shunting his spectacles up the bridge of his nose, he danced like a maiden aunt and carried himself like a man who had long ago dismissed the notion of being a sex symbol.

Following the traumas and scandals of recent years it is easy to forget about Elton the musician. Few contemporary singers can modulate a vocal melody as he does and his piano playing, despite occasional flights of high-wristed fancy, remains untouchable.

The show hit a trough at mid-point when the band embarked upon an astonishingly pointless funk workout which left an enthusastic crowd nonplussed and restless. It was only when Elton returned to the familiar ground of "Bennie and the Jets" and "Rocket Man" that he was fully forgiven.

"Sacrifice", the title of which Elton manages curiously to extend across four syllables, stole the show. Sung tenderly and unadorned by excess musical baggage, it struck a resonant chord. Similarly, "Your Song" and "Candle in the Wind" were gently mellifluous; and smooth, as the lager advert says, as a cashmere codpiece.

Laudably enough, the net profits from his two shows will go to an Aids charity, a sentiment reinforced by a rousing rendition of Freddie Mercury's defiant anthem "The Show Must Go On". Not a landmark in rock history, then, but as the 65 inches of undisputed talent that is Elton John scampered happily off-stage, you could not help feeling that for better or worse he had given it his best shot.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** is puzzled by subject and tone of an anthropology programme

Nothing more than a line fed to viewers

Under the Sun
BBC 2

WHEN Western missionaries first enountered the Nigerian "Iriabo" female initiation ceremonies featured in last night's *Under the Sun* they reputedly got the wrong end of the stick. They saw that girls were paraded semi-naked in front of the whole town, then cooped up at home in "fattening rooms" for five weeks with strange copper shackles on their legs, and afterwards made to dance in front of everybody with a huge burden of cloth tied around their waists to a thickness of two feet. "These women are being fattened for marriage like turkeys for Christmas," thought those foolish westerners. Whereas, *in fact* (as the narrator gently explained), "feeding the girls well is a way of making them feel valued and attractive, and honouring their path to womanhood."

"In fact"? What do you mean, "in fact"? Certainly it was clear that the young women of Ogoloma (whereabouts? no map) were perfectly happy to be Iriabos. They enjoyed the attention; they adored lolling about indoors being fed, fanned and oiled; they even felt proud of their leg-irons. At the end of their five weeks, moreover, they felt they had properly grown up. But surely, weren't they still being fattened up for marriage just exactly like the festive bird? I mean, ask a turkey whether it enjoys being safe indoors with lots of grub, and won't it tell you that hey, yeah, every day on the turkey farm is like Christmas?

The grit in the oyster of last night's film was a reluctant Iriabo, a 22-year-old, bespectacled music student called Asikiye, who had spent ten years in "the city" (which city?) and who, having agreed to her parents' request that she come home and be fattened, now refused point-blank to bare her breasts in public. Asikiye spoke in English, very fast, and with a mewlishness that made her highly unsympathetic: "I can only do the things that are pleasing to me . . . the ones that will not inconvenience my private life." One couldn't help sharing the village's consternation and confusion. Why did she agree to have her hair coated in bright orange powder paint, and her body covered in indigo markings, when she wouldn't take off her top like everyone else? In the end, she went back to the city, and quite honestly she wasn't much missed.

Obviously there is no point bending the rituals, choosing the bits that don't inconvenience your private life. Yet when the chiefs (all men) went into "emergency session" about the unprecedented breast crisis, and explained with passion that certain traditions were paramount, it was amusing to observe that, in place of a more traditional dress, they wore bright printed over-shirts and brown bowler hats. Some even sported black toppers. The integration of the modern with the traditional applied elsewhere, then: even if it didn't to Asikiye. When the old women, custodians of the Iriabo ceremony, poured libations to "the spirits", the response to the incantation was "Amen".

The most amazing thing about the Iriabo thing was that the girls didn't noticeably put on weight. In our own culture, where sometimes we can't face the bathroom scales because we remember illicitly sniffing the air from a warm doughnut on our way to the high-impact robo-step work-out class, we tend to assume that five weeks of eating and sitting will turn you into a huge human hot-water bottle with a tiny little head for a stopper.

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NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Now that Suede have finally planted a flag at the top of the charts on behalf of all those one-syllable guitar bands with straggly hair and a penchant for distortion, which are the groups most likely to follow them up the slippery slopes to stardom?

The casual observer could be forgiven for mistaking Wigan's Verve for one of the many other one-name wonders that have emerged over the past few years — Curve, Ride and Blur spring to mind — but here is a quartet with a real command of melody even at *full tilt*.

Singer Richard Ashcroft has been compared with Mick Jagger and, inevitably, Primal Scream's Bobby Gillespie, but Verve are not *replicant units* off the indie production line.

Dreamy tracks such as "Twilight", "No Come Down" and "Where the Geese Go" proved that Ashcroft's answer to an *NME* query last year was probably serious. He was asked what his favourite radio programme was. "The bird sounds used as a test transmission for Classic FM," he replied.

There are similar moments of fragile stillness on the band's forthcoming album, *A Storm in Heaven*, recorded in Cornwall and released on Hut recordings. As their titles suggest "Beautiful Mind" and "Virtual World" will not propel Verve to the front of the hardcore techno scene.

Neither will they be competing with the likes of Take That as bedroom-wall fodder, but there could be something more lasting here.

The rock acts they admire are names from the distant past: Neil Young, the Rolling Stones, Can, the Velvet Underground (of course). Could it be possible that the toddlers of today will be listening to ancient Verve songs in 20 years?

If music still has any relevance in the next millennium, then Verve could be shaping the sound of it.

DAVID TOOP

ROCK ON FRIDAY: **David Sinclair** on the patchy new album by Janet Jackson

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JANET JACKSON
janet
(Virgin 7 87825)
HER CV doesn't pull any punches: "Singer. Songwriter. Producer. Actress. Choreographer. Dancer. Cultural and fashion trendsetter. Humanitarian." All in a day's work no doubt, but, like so much about Janet Jackson, the list fails to dispel the lurking suspicion that this fanatically competitive, rigorously disciplined and enviably successful artiste is little more than a performing automaton.

The youngest of the nine Jackson siblings, 26-year-old Janet now yields only to Michael in popularity. Her last two albums sold eight million copies *each*, and even as truck-loads of *janet* are being disgorged into shops the world over, the album's first single, "That's The Way Love Goes", is at the top of the American charts, and at No 3 in Britain.

Every inch a product of the video age, Jackson is known and admired as much for her pneumatic dance routines and stunning visual presentations as for her singing. This album is clearly intended to shift the focus to her talents as a musician, and to this end she has opted for a gentler, more soulful approach than the regimented robo-pop of past efforts.

Although once again it is produced and co-written by Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam, on *janet*. unlike *Rhythm Nation 1814* or *Control*, the listener is invited to appreciate the voice and the tune more often than the pounding beat; to share precious moments of intimacy along with the occasional bout of dancefloor escapism.

Unfortunately, such subtleties are not Jackson's strongest point, and while the gossamer-soft croon of "That's The Way Love Goes" has its charm, candy-soul ballads such as "Again" and "Because Of Love" are a tepid experience at best. Equally unconvincing is a shopping list of black pride/new woman platitudes trundled out on "New Agenda", a number built around an atypically clean-mouthed rap by Chuck D of Public Enemy.

In the steamy, post-Madonna climate of the 1990s, Jackson is not about to let thoughts of love get in the way of the mechanics of lust, and like many of her superstar contemporaries she tends to confuse sex with soul. With the lascivious grunting routine of "Throb" and the explicit fantasy narrative of "If", her music has merely relocated from the aerobics class to the massage parlour. These are the best songs on the collection and it is no coincidence that they are also the best songs to dance to.

The quest for emotional gravity remains unfulfilled. Still, you can't blame a girl for trying.

DADA
Puzzle
(I.R.S. 713141)
CONNOISSEURS of fine guitar sounds will recognise the ultra-sweet tone that Dada's Michael Gurley conjures as the trademark of an expert. But what marks the Los Angeles-based trio out from the pack is their faintly loony left-field lyrics and quirky way with an arrangement.

Thus, although the textures and harmonies of numbers such as the bluesy "Dorina" and the hyper-catchy "Dizz Knee Land" are deceptively soft and scrupulously melodic, there is a steely, nonconformist quality underpinning the group's music. Produced by Ken Scott (Bowie's producer circa *Ziggy Stardust*), *Puzzle* is a fluent, faintly ambiguous and enjoyably weird modern rock collection.

BLUR
Modern Life Is Rubbish
(Food 7 89442)
RIGHT from the opening words, "He's a 20th-century boy", sung in a decadent southern English drawl, this album stakes its claim to a place on board the increasingly crowded "ziggy pop" charabanc. Along with Suede and the Auteurs, Blur are clearly infatuated by the 1970s work of David Bowie and Marc Bolan (the mandatory "star" reference comes in a song called "Starshaped"), although their influences also extend backwards to Syd Barrett of the early Pink Floyd and forwards to the Buzzcocks.

The songs are neat, the chord sequences inventive, and the melodies, although unpredictable, are generally resolved in a pleasing way. The lyrics are organised from start to finish into a rather immature parable about an imaginary new town in Essex, where life is unremittingly dour, dingy and depressing. A shame, since the music itself is nothing if not uplifting.

DIRE STRAITS
On The Night
(Vertigo 514 766)
Encores EP
(Vertigo DSCD 20)
RECORDED at two concerts in Nimes and Rotterdam, the 75-minute live album *On The Night* and its companion 20-minute EP, *Encores*, are intended as "a souvenir for the punters" (all three and a half million of them?) who attended the concerts on Dire Straits's 1991-92 world tour. Despite the pristine sound quality and much fine talk about songs being "reinvented" in performance, the only difference between these and the studio versions is that Mark Knopfler's delivery sounds even more terminally laidback than before and numbers such as "Calling Elvis" and "Brothers In Arms" drag on longer than their already leisurely original arrangements. In fact, the whole affair is as flat as a pancake.

In view of manager Ed Bicknell's vociferous complaints about the high price of CDs, punters will be pleased to discover that even these cheaply recorded yet full-price discs cost less than a ticket to see a two-hour performance by his band.



Disco diva as sensitive artiste: Janet Jackson tries to add adult depth to her dancefloor soul

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SEVEN DAYS

OUT & ABOUT NEXT WEEK

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SINGLES: The Auteurs: "How Could I Be Wrong" (*Hut HUT28*). Gorgeous, dreamy melody lifted from their estimable debut album *New Wave*, and coupled with the previously unavailable "High Diving Horses" and "Wedding Day". Catch them at King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, Glasgow (041-221 5279) tonight; Venue, Edinburgh (031-557 3073) tomorrow.
Verve: "Blue" (*Hut HUT29*). Taster from the band's forthcoming debut album, this has a ragged, nouveau-psychedelic touch, and contrives to sound simultaneously grand and vague. British tour begins at Manchester University (061-275 2930) on Thursday.
Suede: "So Young" (Nude NUD5). Fourth single from their chart-topping album. Another cracker.

TV: *Later With Jools Holland* (BBC2, tonight, 11.15pm). The redoubtable host and pianist is joined by Leonard Cohen and World Party. *Rock Docs: The Rock And Roll Singer* (BBC2, tonight, 12.10am) Fly-on-the-wall account of a four-day visit to Britain by Gene Vincent in 1970, the year before his death. Thanks to incompetent promoters, musicians and agents the whole trip rapidly degenerated into a ghastly mess. Depressing but fascinating to watch.



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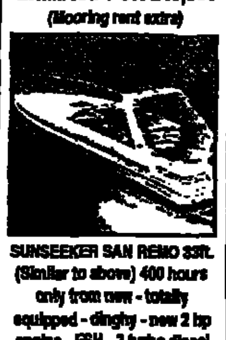
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Slam that door one more time



Testing, testing: Richard Parry-Jones, chief engineer, with Jackie Stewart and a Mondeo at the Gleneagles Hotel

Jackie Stewart is standing outside the breakfast suite of Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, and slamming the passenger door of a Ford Mondeo Saloon. Not once; not twice; but 16 times.

This is not a fit of temper from the three-times motor-racing world champion but an example of how a first-class driver can bring his expertise to bear on the development of a new car.

"You have to slam it 16 times exactly," Jackie Stewart says. "If you slam it 20 times people get bored, and if you only slam it ten times you don't really hear the noise the door is making".

The point of this research is to get the right "clunk" noise, the sound that signifies reassuring solidity. This attention to detail is why Stewart, who has been on Ford's books for 29 years, is now negotiating a new five-year contract.

For 15 months Mondeo prototypes have been driven over and over the winding roads of the Trossachs. Jackie Stewart has been part of a team assessing ride, steering, handling, brakes, suspension, noise and vibration.

Even in the age of design computers, seat-of-the-pants assessments are, apparently, as important as ever. Ford is not alone in this view. At Saab, Eric Carlsson, the rallying champion, is constantly on hand to offer advice. Mazda and Toyota also include racing drivers among their consultation teams.

But what can drivers who made their names travelling at three times the speed limit offer manufacturers whose saloons will mostly be loaded with shopping and families?

Ford's vehicle development and testing chief engineer is Richard Parry-Jones. He heads a team of 300 engineers and has driven the Gleneagles test route hundreds of times with Stewart. "Jackie has a unique ability to observe minute things," he says. "He can offer discriminating insights into how the car handles and he can articulate what he is feeling. We can then go back over the section of test road and he can explain where there is a problem so that I can feel it and start thinking about ways to engineer a solution."

As an example, Stewart felt that the brakes on an early prototype were too harsh, but Ford engineers from Germany, accustomed to driving at high speed, did not feel changes were necessary. Stewart proved his point by taking them over the test course at night with one of the Germans driving.

Taken by surprise by two sharp, blind Scottish corners, the engineer changed his mind. New brake cylinders were fitted that night and as a result the brakes in the car today are softer and more gradual.

Jackie Stewart says: "An engineer has had a life time of education learning his job and is very good at it. I have spent the whole of my life learning how to be a driver and it is I think one of the things I do really well".

High-speed testing, however, is not the norm. Most of the 15 months of Gleneagles development was carried out at speeds below 50mph. This gives test drivers more time to sense the bumbs, vibrations and steering problems that may not be noticed at first but become infuriatingly obvious over months of ownership.

The subjective assessments are backed by hundreds of laboratories near European and American test tracks. The Mondeo, like its rivals, is fitted with advanced computer-controlled equipment measuring everything from the tiniest twitch of the steering wheel to the faintest flutter of a suspension spring.

Testing is a long, expensive process and the irony of using a champion driver to go slowly is not lost on Mr Parry-Jones: "We don't want customers to need to be Grand Prix drivers to enjoy the car. We want it to be forgiving of every mistake, whether it is a big mistake or a small mistake. We want the car to flatter its drivers and make them feel good."

To go over the route with Jackie Stewart in the driving seat is to discover how appalling one's own driving is. His gear changes are undetectable. There is no roughness of ride and he makes the car flow through the tightest of bends. He can point out vibrations or problems caused by the road surface, which no ordinary driver would notice. As he covers that stretch of road again and again, identifying the problem each time, his passengers begin to see what he means.

Stewart believes Ford has crucially changed its approach to car building. There is more freedom for engineers to spend the money necessary to make Ford's new cars more enjoyable to drive.

BMW lives up to its promise

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Everything it should be: the BMW 540i: fast, comfortable and a sensory treat

It comes as a shock to realise that a car with a retail list price of £33,950, in itself not inexpensive, is loaded with a further £9,000 worth of cosseting extras, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

On the BMW 540i, the list of optional equipment includes everything from electric front-seat adjustment (£970), to automatic air conditioning (£2,570) and leather upholstery (£1,265), giving the car a price tag well able to match its performance and comfort.

For those able to afford, or rather for those drivers whose companies can afford, such a car, the return is a vehicle that is a sensory treat. My test car had delightful if, in the long run, impractical grey-white leather upholstery, which, with the light grey cabin surround, made the interior a treat to sit in. The wood trim adds the luxury that drivers will demand from a car with a price that pitches it against the V12 from Jaguar and the ritzier models from Mercedes-Benz.

The interior is superbly thought out and even the radio, so often a weak point, lights up to indicate which station is being listened to. The trip computer gives an impressive information read out including car speed, rate of fuel consumption (I averaged 24.8mpg) as well as clock and calendar and outside temperature. The car is fast and comfortable. The top speed is artificially restricted to 149mph. Acceleration is either very fast or very, very fast. The driver can select economy, snow or sport settings. The economy setting changes gears automatically for best fuel consumption. Sport gives the most eager throttle response and the snow setting engages the highest gear possible in the conditions for maximum traction. The eight-cylinder engine, developed for BMW's 7 Series, is smooth and so flexible that at 75mph the engine turns inaudibly at 2,000rpm.

The ride is harsher than expected over rough stretches of motorway and the car does not float like a Jaguar or a Rolls-Royce. This only serves though to make the BMW feel more purposeful.

For the BMW buyer looking for a 5 Series, the problem is likely to be which one to buy. The range now offers four, six and eight-cylinder petrol engines, diesels are on the way and by the end of the year there will be 41 variants of the 5 Series available.

Tom Purves, BMW (GB) managing director, does not believe this will create problems. "I'm often asked if one model will damage sales of another. The 540i offers a unique proposition within its segment and my answer is that BMW's job is to provide what customers want, not what we want them to want."

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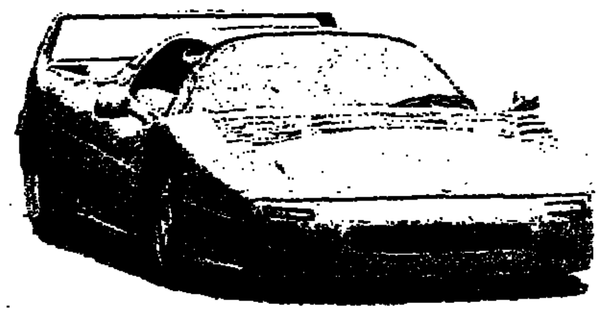
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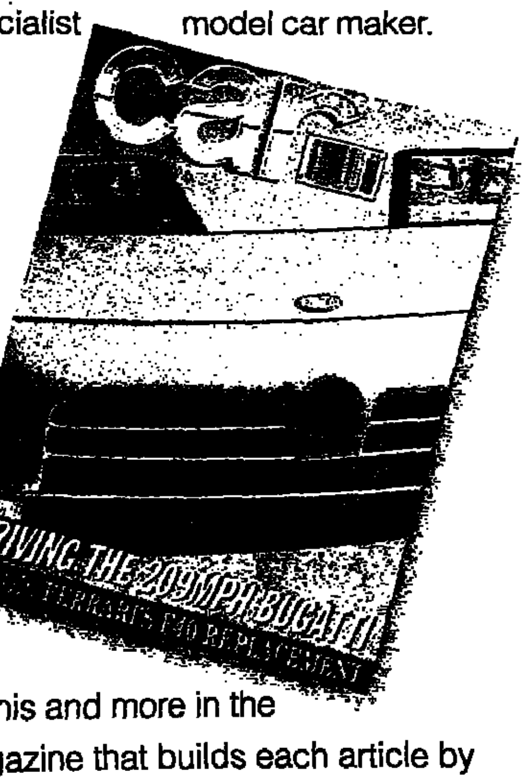
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DeFreitas hits back at England selectors

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TAUNTON (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 53 runs behind Somerset

A FAST bowler spurned can be a hostile opponent. The day after he was passed over for the one-day internationals Phillip DeFreitas bowled Lancashire to maximum points before tea after Somerset, not without deliberation, had opted to bat on a well-grassed pitch.

DeFreitas has received no message of encouragement from the England committee and, as a regular Test bowler for the last three years, he is not pleased about it. By ripping out seven men here for 76 he supplied his own answer.

The last time he took as many wickets for Lancashire was at Lord's in July 1989, when he and Patrick Patterson dismissed Middlesex for 43. He has since taken seven for England, also at Lord's, against Sri Lanka two years ago when he was England's main new-ball bowler.

His demotion follows a poor tour of India, "but that does not make me a poor bowler". Like all quick bowlers on their good days, he has often bowled more deservingly for fewer wickets, which is not to belittle him. The most precious wicket, as it will be with Somerset all summer, belonged to Lathwell, who made 71 before edging to second slip.

There was little pace in the pitch, but there was bounce for those prepared to bend their backs as Caddick, who has assumed DeFreitas's place in the England side, did later. Mushtaq, who took his first wickets for Somerset after tea, was turning the ball last night and there is plenty of cricket left in this well-balanced match.



DeFreitas: hostile

Bowling from the river end, DeFreitas was three wickets up within two overs. Marcus Trescothick, the 17-year-old making his debut, was hesitantly leg-before. Harden followed one and Tavaré spooned an intended drive to Chapple at mid-off. He was fielding as substitute for Fairbrother, who tweaked his left hamstring chasing the first ball of the day.

If the departing captain wondered whether he pursued the wisest course by batting first, Lathwell and Folland played with sufficient ease to suggest that, with a bit of application, wickets need not be surrendered. But surrender them Somerset did, all out for 195 in the 56th over.

Martin was worth Folland's wicket, although he might have preferred to snare the other chap. Lathwell, when 38, miscued a pull that Mendis, lolloping about at mid-on, failed to pick up quickly and accordingly dropped in a manner which, had he been a schoolboy in a house match, would have prompted a wigging from the game's master.

A light went out with Lathwell's going. There were three strokes in the morning, twice when he drove DeFreitas through mid-on and again when he drove Watkinson square almost as an afterthought, that betokened a batsman of genuine class. Some of his defensive strokes are more enchanting than other players' aggressive ones.

DeFreitas was not to be denied. After he had Lathwell picked up at slip he castled Burns and Rose and, try as Wasim did to rush through the tail, it was DeFreitas who finished things off when Mushtaq was leg-before five runs short of a batting point.

By the time the light closed in 42 overs later Lancashire had got to within 53 for the loss of four wickets. Speak is still there with 48 and Fairbrother, if he recovers from his injury in time, is next.



MARC ASPLAND

Best foot forward: Merv Hughes, the Australian fast bowler, in menacing mood at Hove yesterday, where Sussex were bowled out for 353, thanks mainly to 93 from Alan Wells, and half-centuries by Ian Salisbury and Keith Greenfield. Report, page 40

Gooch lays firm base

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Essex have made 317 for six wickets against Surrey

THERE are rum goings-on at The Oval. After throwing away their cup match on Tuesday in a way that beggared belief, Surrey chose to put the champions in on one of Harry Brind's hard, faultless pitches. Whatever the thinking, it did not seem reasoned.

Essex reached 317 for six, their captain playing the innings of the day. It was one that was much needed after a trouncing by Yorkshire and a defeat in the Benson and Hedges Cup. Gooch made 79 in three hours and but for one extremely quick spell by Waqar Younis, it would have been rather more.

To nobody's surprise, Gooch smelt the ball for much of his innings rather than stroked it, for Essex are not accustomed to being beaten twice in a week. They ought to have made more of the start he gave them since Salim Malik and Hussain were finding the gaps with impunity when quite unnecessarily out short of making half-centuries.

There were not the distractions in mid-afternoon that there had been earlier in the day. A Lancaster bomber, celebrating the Dambusters, circled overhead and for a while the rotating sight-screen failed to show anything other than coloured shaving products. It is not the best backdrop from which to pick up Waqar's line, not when his third spell is as sharp as here.

With the new ball he had beaten Gooch three times in one over. Martin Bicknell, though, had been more effectual, gaining some swing and a leg-before decision against Stephenson. Gooch progressed with greater ease when Kendrick came on, driving him either side of the wicket and then twice cutting him delightfully late.

Waqar's third spell was something else. It really was quick. There was no discernible movement when Gooch was caught at the wicket, only sheer pace. That same over Hussain only just avoided a frightening bouncer. For Surrey's sake, let us hope that the amount of cricket Waqar has played over the last year does not catch up with him.

At least Salim was spared Pakistan's visit to West Indies, although he would not see it that way. Like Hussain, he excelled with the drive before losing his wicket in a manner that would have brought out the martinet in his captain. Having twice driven Benjamin to the cover boundary, he top-edged a hook to long leg.

Hussain was lbw padding up to Thorpe, pointedly leaving his pad in position to emphasise that he was someway forward. So it was left to Garnham and Lewis, whose half-century took three hours, to give Essex the kind of total they would have envisaged when invited to bat.

Durham made to pay by Terry's toil

BY JACK BAILEY

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (first day of four): Hampshire have scored 192 for one wicket against Durham

A RAW, grey day turned more chilly by the moment for Durham. Some time before a heavy haar descended during the tea interval and put an end to play for the day, they were licking their wounds, at least one of them self-inflicted. David Graveney's decision to field on a slow pitch, low of bounce, could be counted as such, although I understand Hampshire could well have put in Durham had they called correctly.

Terry and Middleton soon gave the lie to any prospect of early deviltment in the pitch by grafting their way to an opening partnership of 134. Terry is still there after four and a half hours of honest toil for his 82. Gower has also settled, and he eased Ian Botham off the back foot through the covers for five of his six fours.

Durham's West Indian fast bowler, Anderson Cummins, making his first appearance in championship cricket, laboured away for 15 unproductive overs — though he did have Middleton dropped behind — before leaving the field with a thigh strain.

By then, Terry and Middleton were well on their way. As so often happens when batsmen are soundly entrenched, it took a really bad ball to get a wicket. Middleton pulled a rank long hop from Bainbridge low to mid-wicket.

Gower has already more than doubled his previous aggregate for the season. At the end of the day he could be seen running laps round the field. But before the fitness freaks in the England camp get too excited, it was only a mile he covered and it was for charity.

Whitaker shines in speed classic

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN Whitaker and his 17-year-old Everest Hopscotch underlined their superiority against the clock when they won the Leverton Speed Classic, the main show jumping event, at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday.

Negotiating their way neatly round the 12-fence course in the sunlit arena at the foot of the Castle, the pair finished more than a second ahead of Liz Edgar on Everest Radiant.

Whitaker, who was runner-up with his top horse, Milton, in the Volvo World Cup last month, attributed his fast time to the six-month rest which Hopscotch has had. "He's getting on now and as he's better outdoors I give him a rest during the winter," Whitaker said.

Whitaker, who received £275, was one of several riders to criticise the low prize-money on offer at Windsor on the first two days. "It should be at least treble for a class like this," he said.

His younger brother, Michael, showed his disdain by riding his horse, Everest Polydektes, deliberately slowly for the second day running.

Marie Edgar, who had the fastest time in the class but hit the last fence on Everest Surething, earlier won the grade A class on Everest Unique. The win, her second in two days, gives her an 11-point lead in the rankings for the new £10,000 Toyota British Horsemaster competition tomorrow.

Michael Whitaker, sixth in the points table, is the only one of the three favourites in the top ten. John Whitaker and Nick Skelton both made mistakes in yesterday's qualifier but have the chance to gain ground in today's two qualifiers, the Leverton Accumulator and the De Lage Landen Grand Prix.

Robert Oliver made a glorious start to the season with Roy Creber's seven-year-old middleweight hunter, Kings's Warrior, when, to the rousing strains of D'ye Ken John Peel, they won the Ridden Hunter Championship for the third successive year.

RESULTS: Grade A: 1, Everest Unique (M Edgar), 0 faults, 44.80sec; 2, Alfredo (K Brown), 0, 45.11; 3, Wessex Fields of Athenry (P Sutton), 0, 45.26. Leverton Speed Classic: 1, Everest Hopscotch (J Whitaker), 52.96sec; 2, Everest Radiant (E Edgar), 54.37; 3, Supergrass (M Lewis), 54.50. British Car Contract Ridden Hunter Championship: Champion: R Creber's King's Warrior. Reserve: J Dunlop's Jack Homes. Hasmas Grand Prix Dressage: 1, Arun Tor (F Elberg), 882pts; 2, Freie (S Dwyer), 881; 3, Marcus (F Craig), 847. Young Riders Dressage: 1, Valiant (A Jackson), 414; 2, Pablo Picasso (F Bigwood), 408; 3, Weingrafin (N Cooper), 396

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(first day of four; Surrey won toss): Essex have scored 317 runs for six wickets against Surrey*

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Kersey b Waqar	79
J P Stephenson lbw b M P Bicknell	16
P J Prichard c Kersey b Thorpe	28
Salim Malik c Waqar b Benjamin	41
N Hussain lbw b Thorpe	48
J J B Lewis not out	51
†M A Garnham st Kersey b Kendrick	33
D R Pringle not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 14)	21
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs)	317

P M Such, N A Foster and M C Ilott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-118, 3-162, 4-190, 5-231, 6-302.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, *A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, M A Lynch, D M Ward, A D Brown, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, N M Kendrick, Waqar Younis and J E Benjamin.

Bonus points: Surrey 2, Essex 3.

Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder.

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S *(first day of four: Middlesex won toss): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 277 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Cairns	11
M A Roseberry not out	79
M R Ramprakash c Robinson b Cairns	39
*J D Carr b Pick	38
M Keech b Cairns	9
†K R Brown c French b Afford	14
M A Feltham lbw b Crawley	73
J E Emburey c French b Mike	0
N F Williams lbw b Lewis	2
A R C Fraser b Cairns	0
P C R Tufnell c Randall b Cairns	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 4)	12
Total (105.3 overs)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-9, 3-99, 4-117, 5-143, 6-144, 7-261, 8-270, 9-277.

BOWLING: Lewis 23-13-37-1, Cairns 22.3-4-68-5, Mike 20-5-56-1, Pick 17-6-55-1, Afford 14-4-25-1; Crawley 9-2-32-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard not out	4
D W Randall not out	0
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	4

*R T Robinson, P Johnson, C L Cairns, C C Lewis, M A Crawley, G W Mike, †B N French, R A Pick and J A Afford to bat

Bonus points: Middlesex 2, Nottinghamshire 4

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey

Somerset v Lancashire

TAUNTON *(first day of four; Somerset won toss). Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 53 runs behind Somerset*

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Atherton b DeFreitas	71
M Trescothick lbw b DeFreitas	1
R J Harden c Hegg b DeFreitas	0
*C J Tavaré c sub b DeFreitas	3
N A Folland c Atherton b Martin	26
†N D Burns b DeFreitas	10
G D Rose b DeFreitas	8
A R Caddick c Hegg b Wasim	22
Mushtaq Ahmed lbw b DeFreitas	24
H R J Trump c Hegg b Wasim	0
A P van Troost not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 10)	21
Total (55.3 overs)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-12, 4-91, 5-127, 6-140, 7-145, 8-181, 9-181.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 15-1-45-2; DeFreitas 17.3-4-76-7; Martin 11-1-35-1; Watkinson 4-1-13-0; Barnett 8-3-17-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis b Mushtaq Ahmad	37
M A Atherton lbw b Rose	21
N J Speak not out	48
G D Lloyd c Burns b Caddick	16
†W K Hegg c Tavaré b Mushtaq	5
Wasim Akram not out	4
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 2)	11
Total (4 wkts, 42 overs)	142

*N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, P A J DeFreitas, P J Martin and A A Barnett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-76, 3-117, 4-130.

Bonus points: Somerset 1, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R Palmer

Kent v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY *(first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 257 for seven wickets against Kent*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Marsh b Davis	65
R G Twose c Davis b Hooper	24
J D Ratcliffe c Taylor b Headley	25
D P Ostler c Cowdrey b Davis	47
T L Penney c Marsh b McCague	57
*D A Reeve not out	22
N M K Smith c Marsh b McCague	2
G C Small not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 2)	14
Total (7 wkts, 117 overs)	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-108, 3-122, 4-207, 5-241, 6-241, 7-255.

†M Burns, A F Giles and T A Munton to bat.

KENT: *M R Benson, T R Ward, N R Taylor, G R Cowdrey, C L Hooper, M V Fleming, S A Marsh, †D W Headley, R P Davis, A P Igglesden and M J McCague.

Bonus points: Kent 3, Warwickshire 2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp.

Derbyshire v Glamorgan

DERBY *(first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 262 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Warner	34
*H Morris c sub b Cork	37
A Dale c Bowler b Base	39
M P Maynard b Base	15
I V A Richards c O'Gorman b Malcolm	86
R D B Croft c Barnett b Base	25
R P Lefebvre lbw b Base	0
P A Cottey c Base b Warner	15
†C P Metson c Adams b Griffith	14
S L Watkin b Griffith	31
S Bastien not out	14
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 1, nb 2)	16
Total (91.4 overs)	320

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-103, 3-113, 4-125, 5-158, 6-166, 7-212, 8-262, 9-272.

BOWLING: Malcolm 23-4-101-1; Cork 17-3-50-1; Griffith 17.4-5-76-2; Warner 19-4-27-2; Base 15-4-53-4.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett b Bastien	13
P D Bowler not out	34
J E Morris not out	8
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (1 wkt, 15 overs)	58

C J Adams, T J G O'Gorman, F A Griffith, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, S J Base, A E Warner and D E Malcolm to bat.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Glamorgan 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

BRADFORD *(first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 185 for seven wickets against Yorkshire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Blakey b Robinson	25
W P C Weston b Robinson	4
G A Hick lbw b Robinson	3
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Jarvis	10
A C H Seymour c Richardson b Robinson	13
S R Lampitt b Stemp	37
†S J Rhodes not out	49
R K Illingworth lbw b Robinson	4
P J Newport not out	13
Extras (b 3, lb 16, nb 8)	27
Total (7 wkts, 80 overs)	185

K C G Benjamin and C M Tolley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-25, 4-48, 5-89, 6-141, 7-160.

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, A A Metcalfe, R B Richardson, D Byas, †R J Blakey, C White, P W Jarvis, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3, Worcestershire 0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G A Stickley.

Durham v Hampshire

STOCKTON-ON-TEES *(first day of four, Durham won toss) Hampshire have scored 192 for one wicket against Durham*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry not out	82
T C Middleton c Parker b Bainbridge	65
D I Gower not out	32
Extras (lb 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	13
Total (1 wkt, 78 overs)	192

R A Smith, *M C J Nicholas, J R Ayling, M D Marshall, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, M Jean-Jacques and C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKET 1-134

DURHAM: G Fowler, W Larkins, P W G Parker, P Bainbridge, J A Daley, I T Botham, P J Berry, A C Cummins, †A R Fothergill, *D A Graveney and S P Hughes.

Umpires: V A Holder and B J Meyer

☐ Darren Thomas, the young fast bowler, has signed a two-year contract which will tie him to Glamorgan until 1995. Thomas, who burst into the side at the end of last season with five wickets on his debut against Derbyshire at Chesterfield and then five more against Kent at Canterbury, is completing his studies at Neath Tertiary College and finishes there on June 11.

Thomas, 18, will see out the season on a summer contract before joining the staff on a full-time basis in April 1984.

"Joining Glamorgan as a full-time professional cricketer is the fulfilment of a lifelong ambition for me," he said.

Roseberry returns to thwart Notts

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

WHEN Mike Roseberry, the Middlesex opening batsman, left the field at Lord's yesterday with only two runs to his name and a broken index finger, having been struck by a ball from Chris Cairns, Nottinghamshire could have been excused for thinking they had seen the last of him. The early news was that he would not play for three weeks.

Happily for Middlesex, Roseberry bravely reappeared at the fall of the sixth wicket at 144 and in company with Mark Feltham, proving a shrewd signing from Surrey, wrested the initative from the bowlers. By the time Feltham fell to Crawley, for 73, the score had advanced to 261 and Roseberry was unbeaten with 79 when the innings closed for 281, Cairns taking five for 68.

Another fast bowler to secure five wickets was Mark Robinson, at a cost of 45, as Yorkshire had the better of the first day at Bradford against Worcestershire, who rallied to 185 for seven largely through the efforts of their Bradford-born wicketkeeper, Steven Rhodes, who is 49 not out.

A glorious innings from Viv Richards put Glamorgan in a good position at Derby after early problems. His 86, out of a total of 320, was made from 117 balls and included a fierce assault on Devon Malcolm, who was dispatched for eight fours and a six before he finally got Richards to miscue a pull.

Warwickshire, after passing 200 with only three wickets down at Canterbury, were then pegged back by a late burst from Kent's Martin McCague and slipped to 257 for seven.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 9, Chicago Cubs 3; Cincinnati Reds 3, San Diego Padres 2; Florida Marlins 10, Montreal Expos 7; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Atlanta Braves 5, Houston Astros 2; St. Louis Cardinals 8, New York Mets 5; San Francisco Giants 8, Colorado Rockies 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle Mariners 5; Minnesota Twins 5, California Angels 2; Cleveland Indians 6, Kansas City Royals 2; Milwaukee Brewers 4, New York Yankees 1; Boston Red Sox 2, Baltimore Orioles 0; Detroit Tigers 13, Toronto Blue Jays 8; Oakland Athletics 8, Texas Rangers 7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Playoffs: Second round: Eastern conference: New York Knicks 105, Charlotte Hornets 101 (OT) (New York lead best-of-seven series 2-0). Western conference: Seattle SuperSonics 111, Houston Rockets 100 (Seattle lead 2-0).

BOXING

TAMPERE, Finland: World amateur championships: Quarter-finals: Light-flyweight: A Guardado (US) bt M McQuillan (Ire), rsc 1st rnd. Fly: D Kelly (Ire) bt I Matveichuk (Ukr), drew on pts, Kelly won decision. Light: D Austin (Cuba) bt M Winters (Ire), pts. Heavy: S Allouane (Fr) bt P Douglas (Ire), pts.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Durham 369-8 (J D Glendenen 91, K A Butler 69; P R Whitaker 5-120) v Derbyshire Maidstone: Warwickshire 261 (T N Wren 4-55, R M Ellison 4-59); Kent, 30-0. Chelmsford: Essex 316-9 dec (R J Rollins 104, M Diwan 56); Sussex 14-3. Harrow: Middlesex 259 (P Farbrace 98); Northamptonshire 126-5 (R J Warren 60 not out). Ammanford: Nottinghamshire 435-4 dec (M Saxelby 159, G F Archer 100, K P Evans 88 not out), Glamorgan 75-4. Old Hill: Somerset 144 (K Parsons 81; P Mirza 7-56); Worcestershire 222-6 (G R Haynes 86, G A Pollock 59) Southampton: Hampshire 210 (M Davies 6-48) v Gloucestershire Old Trafford: Lancashire 228 (J D Fitton 58, S P Titchard 54; S Atkinson 4-29) and 1-0; Leicestershire 103 (S D Fletcher 4-22).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bethany 98, *Harvey 69 bt *Bethany 177-4, Oakwood Park GS 79-8; *Birkenhead 163-8, Wirral GS 81 (J Carpenter 7-30). Brentwood 124, *Bancroft's 126-3; Durham 230-2 (W Fitzsimons 109 not out), *Dame Allan's 69; *Forest 181-5, Ilford County HS 109 (A Smith 5-16); Gentlemen of Hertfordshire 132, *Haberdashers' Aske's 133-7; King's, Taunton 191, *Millfield 192-8 (P Mitchell 124); *Latymer Upper 91, John Lyon 92-2, *Manning 167-3, Chosen Hill 115-5; MCC 212-3 (I Wattier 103), *Seaford 154-6; Oundle 162-5, *Wellingborough 145-7; *Read's 159, Tiffin 160-5; *Warwick 160-8, King's, Worcester 143-8. Watford GS 103, *Merchant Taylors', Northwood 104-5; XL Club 201-2, *Warwick 148-8.
* denotes home team

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone: First round: Group D: South Korea 3 India 0; Lebanon 0, Bahrain 0 (in Beirut).
LIBERTADORES CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Cerro Porteno (Par) 0, São Paulo (Br) 0 (agg: 0-1); America/Cali (Col) 2, Universidad Catolica (Chile) 2 (agg: 2-3)
Late results on Wednesday
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP. Final: Antwerp 1, Parma 3 (at Wembley)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 1, Rangers 0.
WORLD CUP: Group six: Bulgaria 2, Israel 2 (in Sofia); Estonia 0, Malta 1 (in Tallinn)
POINTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Bolton 2, Newcastle 0, Manchester City 1, Nottingham Forest 1; Stoke 0, Second division: Derby 1, Port Vale 1; Scunthorpe 3, Blackpool 1, Hull 0, Grimsby 2; Huddersfield 3, Middlesbrough 1; West Bromwich 2, Burnley 1.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Toulouse 3, Nimes 0.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Seventeenth stage (Santander to Lagos de Covadonga, 179km): 1, O Rincon (Col), 5hr 25min 19sec, 2, T Rominger (Switz), 1min 15sec behind; 3, A Zulle (Switz); 4, L Cubino (Sp), both same time. British placings: 24, R Miller, 4:46. Overall: 1, Rominger, 79hr 16min 33sec; 2, Zulle, 33sec behind; 3, Cubino, 3:40; 4, Rincon, 5:05. British placing: 15, Miller, 21:31.
TOUR DUPONT: Seventh stage (Richmond to Lynchburg, 202km): 1, R Kiefel (US), 5hr 25min 45sec; 2, W Veenstra (Holl); 3, M Elliott (GB), both same time. Overall: 1, R Rasala (Mex), 26hr 39min 51sec; 2, L Armstrong (US), 23sec behind; 3, B Bowen (US), 1min 2sec. British placing: 7, Elliott, 1:14.

GOLF

GLENEAGLES: Golf Foundation team championship for schools: International final: 432: France. 437: Australia. 443: Sweden. 448: New Zealand. 457 Germany. 460: Ireland (J Geraghty 74, 75, S Fitzpatrick 77, 71; K Condren 83, 80). 466: Scotland (G Fisk 78, 77; D Fleming 82, 71; G Vogwell 76, 82) 472: England (P Williams 74, 75; E Sharpe 86, 77; S Excell 79, 81). 474: Wales (C Reeves 78, 74; M Thomas 78, 74; B Templeton 85, 85).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Second round: Patrick division: New York Islanders 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 5 (best-of-seven series level 3-3).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 66, Cradley Heath 42.

TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: World team championships: Men: First round: Group A: Belgium bt England, 3-1; Belgium bt Austria, 3-1; China bt England, 3-1, South Korea bt United States, 3-0, Japan bt Poland, 3-1, South Korea bt Belgium, 3-0; Austria beat Poland, 3-2; China bt Japan, 3-1; England bt United States, 3-0. Group B: S Korea bt Japan, 3-1; Slovakia bt France, 3-0, Russia bt Finland, 3-0. Group C: Hungary bt Wales, 3-0, Thailand bt Bahrain, 3-1. Group F: Armenia bt Argentina, 3-1; Taiwan bt Argentina, 3-0, Armenia bt Scotland, 3-2. Group R: Indonesia bt Algeria, 3-0, Malta bt Sudan, 3-1; Indonesia bt Malta, 3-0; Ireland bt Sudan, 3-0.
Women: First round: Group A: Romania bt Denmark, 3-0; China bt Sweden, 3-0; North Korea bt United States, 3-0; Hungary bt Germany, 3-2. Group B: South Korea bt Russia, 3-0, Japan bt France, 3-1; Hong Kong bt Finland, 3-1, England bt Slovakia, 3-0. Group C: Croatia bt Iceland, 3-0; Spain wo Jordan, scr; Bulgaria bt Mexico, 3-0 Group D: Taiwan bt Malta, 3-0; Nigeria bt Ireland, 3-0; Israel bt Barbados, 3-1; Taiwan bt Israel, 3-0, Nigeria bt Kazakhstan, 3-1; Barbados bt Ireland, 3-1; Taiwan bt Nigeria, 3-0; Israel bt Malta, 3-0; Kazakhstan bt Ireland, 3-0. Group E: Italy bt Peru, 3-0; Holland bt Sri Lanka, 3-0, Slovenia bt Belarus, 3-0. Group F: Czech Republic bt New Zealand, 3-0; Canada bt Turkey, 3-1; Greece bt Latvia, 3-2. Group H: Poland bt Wales, 3-1; Indonesia bt Uganda, 3-0, Scotland bt Namibia, 3-0.

SQUASH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Classic: First round: A Adamaga (Sp) bt A Dawes (Wales), 15-12, 15-7, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-8, 6-15, 15-11, 15-11; R Norman (NZ) bt S Butt (Can), 15-9, 15-7, 7-15, 15-11; T Hands (Eng) bt S Franz (Ger), 15-1, ret; M Maclean (Scot) bt S Meads (Eng), 15-11, 15-8, 11-15, 9-15, 15-3; P Marshall (Eng) bt D Webb (Eng), 15-9, 15-3, 15-10; S Elopuro (Fin) bt C D'Cruz (India), 15-5, 15-10, 15-5; C Dittmar (Aus) bt Zubair Jahan (Pak), 15-7, 15-6, 15-5.

TENNIS

BERLIN: German women's open: Second round: G Helgeson (US) bt E Pampoulova-Wagner (Bul), 6-0, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt P Ritter (Austria), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt A Fusai (Fr), 6-1, 6-3. Third round: M Fernandez (US) bt Wiesner, 6-2, 7-6, N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Galdano (Arg), 7-5, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt A Grosman (US) 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.
ROME: Italian men's open: Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt T Muster (Austria), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, P Sampras (US) bt A Corretja (Sp), 6-4, 7-5; K Novacek (Cz) bt K Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 6-2, G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt A Bostich (Fr), 6-3, 7-5, M Chang (US) bt A Gaudenzi (It), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Third round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt Rosset, 6-4, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; Perez-Roldan bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-4, 6-4, S Bruguera (Sp) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-1, J Courier (US) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; Chang bt C-J Steob (Ger), 6-2, 7-6.
CORAL SPRINGS, Florida: Men's tournament: Second round (US unless stated), D Wheaton bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Pernfors (Swe) bt R Reneberg, 6-4, 6-2; A Krickstein bt J Stark, 6-2, 6-4; A O'Brien bt J Carlsson (Swe), 7-6, 7-5
BASINGSTOKE: LTA satellite tournament: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: S Lanham (Aus) bt M Calvelli (It), 6-2, 6-3, P Kilderry (Aus) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 Doubles: Final: J Holmes (Aus) and Kilderry bt P Hand (Eng) and T Kempers (Holl), 7-6, 6-4 Women: Singles: Semi-finals: V Lake (Eng) bt N Egorova (Russ), 7-6, 6-3; M Vallin (Swe) bt A Woolcock (Aus), 6-1, 6-4.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 1,727 miles, 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 1,739; 3, Phone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 1,763; 4, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 1,770; 5, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 1,781

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Lee Phillips Cup: Final: Clevedon v Tiverton (7.30).
EDDIE BAILEY TESTIMONIAL: Enfield v Tottenham (7.30).

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Second day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v Australians.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Second day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Glamorgan.
STOCKTON-ON-TEES: Durham v Hampshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Warwickshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Lancashire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.
BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chesterfield: Derby v Durham. Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Ammanford: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. Maidstone: Kent v Warwickshire. Manchester: Lancashire v Leicestershire. Harrow: Middlesex v Northamptonshire. Old Hill: Worcestershire v Somerset.

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Federation Cup: Qualifying round (Nottingham): LTA spring satellite tournament (Basingstoke)
GOLF: English amateur strokeplay championship (Stoneham).
EQUESTRIAN: Royal Windsor horse show

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FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

May 19	Miele Company Ltd Sandford Springs, 65 players
May 19	Kodak Ltd Tyrrells Wood, 28 players
May 20	Eric Potter Clarkson The Belfry, 56 players
May 20	Orchard Toys Longcliffe, 28 players
May 21	Standard Chartered Bank Royal Blackheath, 36 players
May 21	Michael Page Finance Woburn, 30 players
May 21	Bleasa Lloyd Royal Mid-Surrey, 28 players
May 21	Glaxo Pharmaceuticals (UK) Ltd, East Herts, 30 players

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No computer can replace a good driver when prototype cars are tested. **Vaughan Freeman** reports

Slam that door one more time



Testing, testing: Richard Parry-Jones, chief engineer, with Jackie Stewart and a Mondeo at the Gleneagles Hotel

Jackie Stewart is standing outside the breakfast suite of Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, and slamming the passenger door of a Ford Mondeo Saloon. Not once; not twice; but 16 times.

This is not a fit of temper from the three-times motor-racing world champion but an example of how a first-class driver can bring his expertise to bear on the development of a new car.

"You have to slam it 16 times exactly," Jackie Stewart says. "If you slam it 20 times people get bored, and if you only slam it ten times you don't really hear the noise the door is making".

The point of this research is to get the right "clunk" noise, the sound that signifies reassuring solidity. This attention to detail is why Stewart, who has been on Ford's books for 29 years, is now negotiating a new five-year contract.

For 15 months Mondeo prototypes have been driven over and over the winding roads of the Trossachs. Jackie Stewart has been part of a team assessing ride, steering, handling, brakes, suspension, noise and vibration.

Even in the age of design computers, seat-of-the-pants assessments are, apparently, as important as ever. Ford is not alone in this view. At Saab, Eric Carlsson, the rallying champion, is constantly on hand to offer advice. Mazda and Toyota also include racing drivers among their consultation teams.

But what can drivers who made their names travelling at three times the speed limit offer manufacturers whose saloons will mostly be loaded with shopping and families?

Ford's vehicle development and testing chief engineer is Richard Parry-Jones. He heads a team of 300 engineers and has driven the Gleneagles test route hundreds of times with Stewart. "Jackie has a unique ability to observe minute things," he says. "He can offer discriminating insights into how the car handles and he can articulate what he is feeling. We can then go back over the section of test road and he can explain where there is a problem so that I can feel it and start thinking about ways to engineer a solution."

As an example, Stewart felt that the brakes on an early prototype were too harsh, but Ford engineers from Germany, accustomed to driving at high speed, did not feel changes were necessary. Stewart proved his point by taking them over the test course at night with one of the Germans driving.

Taken by surprise by two sharp, blind Scottish corners, the engineer changed his mind. New brake cylinders were fitted that night and as a result the brakes in the car today are softer and more gradual.

Jackie Stewart says: "An engineer has had a life time of education learning his job and is very good at it. I have spent the whole of my life learning how to be a driver and it is I think one of the things I do really well".

High-speed testing, however, is not the norm. Most of the 15 months of Gleneagles development was carried out at speeds below 50mph. This gives test drivers more time to sense the bumbs, vibrations and steering problems that may not be noticed at first but become infuriatingly obvious over months of ownership.

The subjective assessments are backed by hundreds of laboratories near European and American test tracks. The Mondeo, like its rivals, is fitted with advanced computer-controlled equipment measuring everything from the tiniest twitch of the steering wheel to the faintest flutter of a suspension spring.

Testing is a long, expensive process and the irony of using a champion driver to go slowly is not lost on Mr Parry-Jones: "We don't want customers to need to be Grand Prix drivers to enjoy the car. We want it to be forgiving of every mistake, whether it is a big mistake or a small mistake. We want the car to flatter its drivers and make them feel good."

To go over the route with Jackie Stewart in the driving seat is to discover how appalling one's own driving is. His gear changes are undetectable. There is no roughness of ride and he makes the car flow through the tightest of bends. He can point out vibrations or problems caused by the road surface, which no ordinary driver would notice. As he covers that stretch of road again and again, identifying the problem each time, his passengers begin to see what he means.

Stewart believes Ford has crucially changed its approach to car building. There is more freedom for engineers to spend the money necessary to make Ford's new cars more enjoyable to drive.

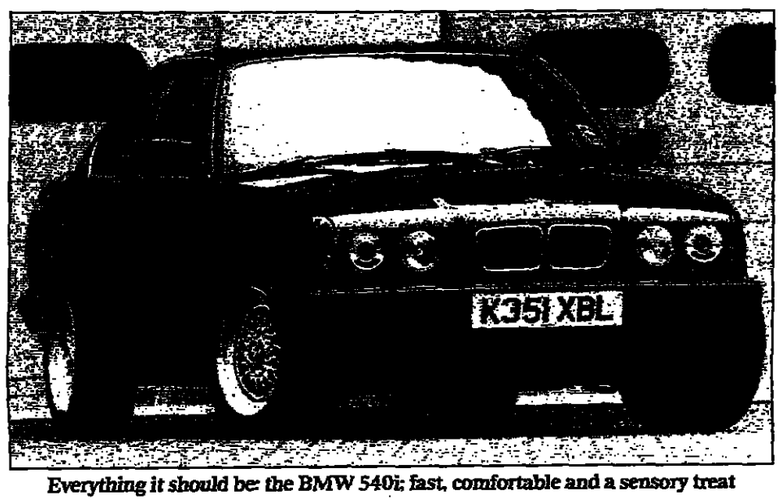
BMW lives up to its promise

The latest model from a prestige stable is a winner

It comes as a shock to realise that a car with a retail list price of £33,950, in itself not inexpensive, is loaded with a further £9,000 worth of cosseting extras, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

On the BMW 540i, the list of optional equipment includes everything from electric front-seat adjustment (£970), to automatic air conditioning (£2,570) and leather upholstery (£1,265), giving the car a price tag well able to match its performance and comfort.

For those able to afford, or rather for those drivers whose companies can afford, such a car, the return is a vehicle that is a sensory treat. My test car had delightful if, in the long run, impractical grey-white leather upholstery, which, with the light grey cabin surround, made the interior a treat to sit in. The wood trim adds the luxury that drivers will demand from a car with a price that pitches it against the V12 from Jaguar and the ritzier models from Mercedes-Benz.



Everything it should be: the BMW 540i; fast, comfortable and a sensory treat

The interior is superbly thought out and even the radio, so often a weak point, lights up to indicate which station is being listened to. The trip computer gives an impressive information read out including car speed, rate of fuel consumption (I averaged 24.8mpg) as well as clock and calendar and outside temperature. The car is fast and comfortable. The top speed is artificially restricted to 149mph. Acceleration is either very fast or very, very fast. The driver can select economy, snow or sport settings. The economy setting changes gears automatically for best fuel consumption. Sport gives the most eager throttle response and the snow setting engages the highest gear possible in the conditions for maximum traction. The eight-cylinder engine, developed for BMW's 7 Series, is smooth and so flexible that at 75mph the engine turns inaudibly at 2,000rpm.

The ride is harsher than expected over rough stretches of motorway and the car does not float like a Jaguar or a Rolls-Royce. This only serves though to make the BMW feel more purposeful.

For the BMW buyer looking for a 5 Series, the problem is likely to be which one to buy. The range now offers four, six and eight-cylinder petrol engines, diesels are on the way and by the end of the year there will be 41 variants of the 5 Series available.

Tom Purves, BMW (GB) managing director, does not believe this will create problems. "I'm often asked if one model will damage sales of another. The 540i offers a unique proposition within its segment and my answer is that BMW's job is to provide what customers want, not what we want them to want."

THE FACTS

Car: BMW 540i
Engine: 8 cylinder, 3982cc, petrol, giving 286bhp at 5,800 rpm through automatic transmission.
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Economy: 16.4mpg in town; 36.2 mpg at 56mph; and 29.4mpg at 75mph.
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ROAD WISE

Alfa Romeo update

☐ Alfa Romeo has spent £25 million uprating its 164 range. The car has new headlamps and rear lights, bigger mirrors and a more aggressive look. Alfa has developed a 3-litre, V6 engine, which gives the top-of-the-range Cloverleaf a top speed in excess of 150mph.

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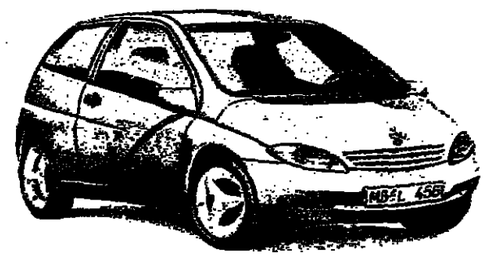
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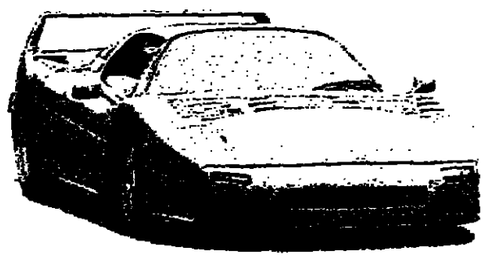
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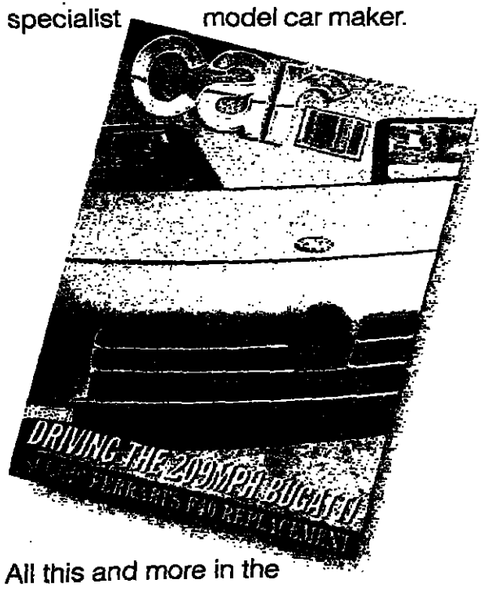
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World of the chukka still frightfully pukka

MARC ASPLAND



High-speed chase: expensive polo ponies, ridden by highly-paid players, battle for position to play the next shot in a Prince of Wales Trophy match

The invitation was for luncheon, then a seat at the first-round match for the Prince of Wales Trophy at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club.

I bought Jilly Cooper's book on the subject and had got to page 310, nearly halfway through, when it was time to leave for the venue. Although I was pretty knowledgeable about the sport, my afternoon at Major Ferguson's old stamping ground threw up a number of things that came as a surprise:

The pitch is huge; the distance from one goal to the other, farther than I go on holiday.

They hit the ball with the side of the mallet, not the cue.

Each time a side scores a goal, they change ends — which makes it essential to pay attention.

They speak to their horses in Spanish and they swear in Spanish using rapid, multi-syllabic words.

It must also be said that for a person with my eyesight, this is not a viable spectator sport.

At luncheon a man in a silk shirt, patron of one of the teams, explained about the common misapprehension that polo is an elitist sport confined to the richest in the land.

This is not so. There are all sorts of ordinary chaps who make do with a couple of ponies and a trailer, there are even friends who share a single horse and have a frightfully good time.

What polo players dislike above all else is to be considered different from the rest of us: this man had arrived with horse-boxes containing 25 polo ponies costing upwards of £10,000 each, two high handicap players who are paid $100,000 a month, a wife and father-in-law — who looked expensive, and more transport and grooms than you can shake a mallet at ... though I also learned that you do not shake a mallet: you carry it at the high port, like a flag when riding into battle.

Sadly, if you are left-handed, this is not a sport for you — not even if you can raise the £15,000 entrance fee and the £3,500 subscription to the club. Polo at its highest level is for fit, young, right-handed, curly-haired Argentinians.

Lunch was just the sort of pleasant meal that you would expect from nicely-brought-up Basingstoke outside catering ladies: cold beef, avocado salads, new potatoes ... then pavlova. While this progressed, a man, the sponsor he said he was, told us that he would not make a long speech nor bore us: just tell us a bit about his company. The turnover is £60 billion, they employ 140,000 people and are absolutely delighted that these fine polo players will this afternoon perform for us. He went on; he bored.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

There were five journalists; three of us had been given badges with our names misspelt. There was champagne; most of us drank mineral water except for the man who had two Ls on his name tag where he customarily uses one; he asked for a weak G and T "cold" — the very word written on my name tag in French.

After lunch, as the sun made a brief guest appearance between the scudding clouds of cumuli that hung above the verdant lawns — a line I nicked from Miss Cooper — the teams went off to talk tactics: who would ride which pony, in what chukka and mark whom.

We spectators drove off to the most distant polo pitch in the 250-acre estate and noticed that there was, in that green corner of a Berkshire field a patch that is, possibly forever, Argentina. The grooms and the horses and the polo masters are Argentinians. The horses had hogged manes and bound up tails and answered to commands like "vamos".

There were young riders also, with dark curly hair and flashing eyes still on only a few thousand pounds a contract; their sensitive but virile features strikingly handsome, their high rewards only around the corner. The 60-odd ponies, shining from the grooms' exertions, had their mouths muzzled by plastic feeding buckets and stood in long rows.

The game began. Each side has to provide two horses for the mounted umpires who are dashingly attired in striped blazers. Friends, handlers, nymphets and a few interested spectators made up the crowd of about 70 and in the far distance behind each goal stood a man who might have been an ice-cream salesman or Homepride chap sans hat. These were functionaries employed to wave a flag when the ball was hit through, or directed over, the posts.

A commentator using the hushed, reverential "would you believe that?" voice of Radio 5's football critic gave us the match report which was impressive — considering that play was distant and I hadn't seen the ball since it was first thrown in.

Polo is a game of rare skill, speed, balance and coordinated thrust as man drives pony towards ball, other man comes to ride him off, colleagues gallop behind them in case they miss and other colleagues hover to race to their aid. Horses bend and sway and present their riders in the correct position to hit the requisite shot.

The trophy is played by teams having a combined handicap of 22: a ten-goal man is the best there is; the composition tends to be two highly-paid, brilliant Argentinians, one on ten, the other on nine; the patron on a handicap of one playing striker and often getting shots at goal; and at back the ideal person is a "ringer" — one who plays substantially better than his "two" handicap... in the case of the Alcatel team, a 17-year-old, Ignacio Gonzalez, who will be the next star.

Two young, thin, horsey girls already versed in smoking, saying words like "absolute pain" and "marguerite sunrise" were there to monitor his potential; as he saw their looks, his mouth vanished into a thin line, his curly eyelashes, slanting eyes and high cheekbones tempering the boredom of yet another assault by the opposite sex. On the field of play the patron scored a fine goal. Off the field his wife twitched with resentful frustration ... or perhaps she was cold.

An hour after it began, it was over. "You will come back?" said the dashing patron. I said I was not sure but I would definitely read the rest of Jilly Cooper's book.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Cooke excels with Ma Wenge's scalp

ALAN Cooke, of England, gained a startling victory over Ma Wenge, the World Cup winner, at the world table tennis championships in Gothenburg yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). China won the match 3-1 but Cooke, with fast counter-looping and counter-hitting, gained one of the best wins of his career in beating Ma Wenge 21-19, 19-21, 21-15.

Carrying a back injury that had caused him to question whether he should even be playing, Cooke was further handicapped in being forbidden, by his national association, to use "fast" glues on his bat. He still hit the ball extremely fast on occasions. Ma Wenge, confident about the overall team outcome, may well have relaxed too much against Cooke. Indeed, he later dropped a game against Alex Perry, the 17-year-old English national junior champion, who made a promising world championship debut.

Cooke continued his good form with a straight-sets victory over James Butler as England beat the United States 3-0. This success ensured that England's men will stay in the top group of the world championships for another two years.

Amateurs aim for cup

GOLF: The England open amateur stroke-play championship for the Brabazon Trophy, starts at Stoneham in Hampshire today and carries special significance. It represents one of the stepping stones towards Walker Cup selection. England's six-man team for the European championship in Slovenia will be based on performances at Stoneham and, in turn, the European will virtually decide the composition of the home countries team to face the Americans at Royal Portrush.In the field is Phillip Tataurangi, who inspired New Zealand to win the world championship in Vancouver last autumn, and Matthew Blackey, 21, who set an amateur record of 63 for the Stoneham course in pre-qualifying.

Mansell on course

MOTOR RACING: Nigel Mansell sped round the Motor Speedway on Wednesday at more than 220mph, before speaking of his respect for the Indianapolis 500 circuit. Mansell, who has recovered from surgery on his injured back, clocked 222.855mph to record the fourth-fastest time of the day shortly after passing his long-awaited "rookie test". The Formula One world champion said he was not frightened about the prospects that lay ahead in qualifying for the race on May 30. "It is the fastest race circuit in the world. The place is frankly just awesome," he added.

Jackson seeks move

RUGBY LEAGUE: Lee Jackson, the Great Britain Test hooker, has requested a transfer from Hull. The 24-year-old asked for a move after failing to agree terms with the first division club. "I don't want to leave the club but the contract they have offered me isn't enough. I feel I'm worth more," Jackson said. Two weeks ago, Hull's Great Britain Under-21 captain and Test forward, Steve McNamara, asked to be put on the transfer list for the same reason. Adrian Hadley, the former Cardiff and Wales rugby union player, has announced he is to leave Widnes.

Chittenden gaining

YACHTING: John Chittenden and his crew on Nuclear Electric were following almost directly in the wake of Mike Golding's Group 4 Securitas yesterday as the gap between the two leading British Steel Challenge yachts narrowed to 12 miles. A sudden change in the weather patterns helped carry Peter Phillips and his Rhone-Poulenc crew into third place, ahead of Commercial Union. From Hofbrau Lager, in ninth place, Jack Gordon-Smith reported a brush with two killer whales who "passed under the rudder and leapt clear of the water ten feet from our leeward rail."

Palmer injury worry

FOOTBALL: Carlton Palmer gave Sheffield Wednesday a scare yesterday when he injured an ankle in training just two days before the FA Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley. The England midfield player was limping as he left Hillsborough to join the team coach for the journey south to the hotel where Wednesday are staying before the match. "The ankle is very sore," Palmer said. "I went over on it in training, but I hope it's not too bad. I reckon I'll be OK." Wednesday's other injury worries, Danny Wilson and Peter Shirtliff, will have fitness tests today.

Seeking improvement

ICE SKATING: The British singles champions, Steven Cousins and Charlene von Saher, are to join Canadian training camps run by two of the world's most successful coaches. Cousins, 20, from Deeside, is to link up with Dough Leigh, who, with his wife Michelle, helped Brian Orser to eight world and Olympic medals. Von Saher, 18, whose home is in Greenwich, Connecticut, is moving to Toronto to train with Louis Stong to whom Kurt Browning, three times a world champion, turned for assistance before capturing his fourth title in Prague.

US play cup minnows

TENNIS: The United States, holders of the Davis Cup, yesterday received an easy home tie against the Bahamas in September as they attempt to retain world group status. The Americans, who beat Switzerland in last year's final, lost 4-1 to Australia in the first round of the 1993 competition. The Bahamas, playing at this stage of the competition for the first time, have only two players in the world rankings — Roger Smith at 173 and Mark Knowles at 210.

DRAW: Hungary v Argentina, New Zealand v Austria, Belgium v Brazil, Denmark v Croatia, Russia v Cuba, Korea v Spain, Israel v Switzerland, United States v Bahamas

Museum offers Olympic insight

David Miller assesses the virtues of the new home of Olympic culture in Lausanne

IT IS a shame that Britain, whose role in the creation of organised games and many of the Olympic sports provided so much of de Coubertin's inspiration, is not among the 40 international contributors whose donations have funded the new Olympic Museum to be opened in Lausanne on June 23. This house of Olympic culture expects up to a quarter of a million visitors a year.

At a ceremony here in Tokyo yesterday, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who had flown in specially en route from the East Asia Games in Shanghai to Sydney, thanked the Japanese industrialists who have provided the bulk of the $50 million (about £32.7 million) donations that have made possible a $70 million project.

"Olympism is not a system," de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics, wrote. "It is a state of mind. It can permeate a wide variety of modes of expression and no single race or era can claim a monopoly of it." The museum gives substance to the philosophy.

The 70-metre long, four-storey building, with 12,000 square metres of floor space, is so astutely sculpted into the parkland hillside, by Ramirez Vazquez, the renowned Mexican architect and IOC member, that it is almost invisible from the road along Lake Geneva's shore below its gardens.

Supervised in its creation by Luis Monreal, a Spanish museologist, who was formerly with Unesco, then the Getty Trust and now the cultural foundation of La Caixa bank, the museum will mean the effective end of the International Olympic Academy at Olympia in western Greece, site of the ancient Games. "An educational resource," Monreal called it at yesterday's conference.

The museum will combine antiquities from 3,000 years ago with the brilliance of Japanese technological innovation. It will give instant electronic access to visitors of 7,000 hours of Olympic Games videotape and about 200,000 photographs, plus filmed interviews with famous Olympians.

There will be 100 antiquities and works of art on loan from the museums of St Petersburg, Vienna, Budapest, Rome and Ghent, as well as works of contemporary artists in both permanent and temporary exhibitions.

There will be de Coubertin's original study furniture, private papers and fencing swords. Besides the vast collection of documents and reference works, the museum has a 180-seat auditorium, a panoramic restaurant open to the public and a book and souvenir shop.

Samaranch, in striving for 13 years for this creation, will have fulfilled an original objective of de Coubertin's.

☐ Kriss Akabusi, Britain's Olympic 400 metres hurdles bronze medal winner, has his first race of the summer when he runs over 200 metres in the Hampshire championships at Portsmouth on Saturday.

Clark will fight to keep best players

FRANK Clark, who ushered in a new era at Nottingham Forest yesterday as he stepped into the shoes of Brian Clough, was at pains to play down suggestions he was taking on the hardest job in football (Chris Moore writes).

"People have said over the years that Brian Clough would be the most difficult of all acts to follow," said Clark. "They should have tried doing my job at Leyton Orient, with no money and having to deal at the bottom end of even the free-transfer market. Coming to manage a big club like Forest can't be any tougher than that."

Brian Clough last night welcomed the appointment. "Frank is a good choice as my successor," he said. "He will offer warmth, friendship and not a hint of animosity. You could not dislike Frank Clark if you tried."

Clark's first task is to resolve the uncertainty surrounding the future of Forest's international trio, Roy Keane, Nigel Clough and Stuart Pearce, following relegation to the first division.

He pledged to fight "tooth and nail" to keep them at the City Ground. "But I am only interested in keeping players who want to play for Nottingham Forest," he added. "Anyone not committed to the club will be sold."

Clark has already had a brief meeting with Nigel Clough, whose contract expires soon, and is keeping an open mind about the club's back-room staff.

Courier crushes Santoro

JIM Courier, the champion, overpowered Fabrice Santoro, of France, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the Italian Open in Rome yesterday. The No 2 seed dominated the match until he lost his touch in the second set.

With Courier 4-0 ahead, Santoro rallied to make it 4-3 and had two break points when, just as suddenly, Courier came back to life. He held serve and then broke Santoro for victory.

The second set was played under darkening clouds, gusting winds and falling temperatures, and Courier attributed his lapse to the changing conditions. "Once the clouds came in, the balls got much slower and heavier," he said. "It took me a few games to get the hang of it."

Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, from Croatia, also reached the quarter-finals by beating Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3. Guillermo Perez-Roldan, of Argentina, a clay-court specialist, defeated the No 8 seed, Andrei Medvedev, of Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4.

Ivanisevic won the battle of big-servers against his 6ft 7in opponent and close friend, winning 26 of 30 points on his booming first serve. "I try to serve an ace. It's a nice feeling," Ivanisevic, who served nine aces in the 87-minute match, said.

The 1992 Wimbledon finalist is slowly recovering from injuries. "I'm playing better and better each day," he said.

The Association of Tennis Professionals Tour is implementing its new drugs policy for the the first time during the Italian Open and Courier was among players voicing their support. He said he would hate to lose a match "because somebody had a better pharmacist than I did".

He said: "I think it is good for the image of tennis in general to be perceived as a clean sport. It doesn't hurt to test."

In the German Open in Berlin, Brenda Schultz used one of the fiercest services in women's tennis to upset the fourth-seeded Jennifer Capriati 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

Capriati, in her last warm-up on clay before the French Open, was brushed aside by Schultz, some of whose services were measured at 113mph. Capriati was one of the three Americans in early action yesterday but only one, the third-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez, advanced to the quarter-finals, beating Judith Wiesner, of Austria, 6-2, 7-6.

Anke Huber, of Germany, defeated Ann Grossman 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.



Courier: powerful

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British women reach play-offs

BRITISH tennis is grateful for small mercies, even a drubbing of one of the sport's Third World nations (Christopher Irvine writes). Great Britain's women obliged yesterday by beating Ukraine to head their group in the preliminary competition of the Federation Cup in Nottingham and claim one of five seeded places in tomorrow's play-offs.

Another 3-0 whitewash is hardly a cause for national rejoicing — a few hundred shivering souls around court five were reduced to cheering quite desperate opponents out of sympathy — although a fourth consecutive win this week is welcome in these impoverished times.

Clare Wood, after a fourth straight-sets victory, admitted it would have been a disaster if any of the round-robin ties had been lost. "The conditions were difficult and the wind has been a leveller, which meant games easy on paper were that bit harder," she said.

A few nerves apart, Britain coasted through and should now qualify with some ease for the finals in Frankfurt in July. Wood herself appeared remarkably untroubled in dropping only two games in her defeat of Olga Lugina, who is ranked 251 places below her.

Gabriela Beleni, who is unranked, was knocked off course by Monique Javer's greater backhand power, and the Briton ran out a 6-3, 6-3 winner. The final rubber was won by Julie Salmon and Amanda Grunfeld, who defeated Beleni and Natalia Biletskaya 6-1, 6-2.

RESULTS: Pool A: Turkey bt Estonia 2-1; Croatia bt Malta 3-0. Pool B: Belgium bt Senegal 3-0. Pool C: Great Britain bt Ukraine 3-0 (M Javer bt G Beleni, 6-3, 6-3; C Wood bt O Lugina, 6-0, 6-2; A Grunfeld and J Salmon bt Beleni and N Biletskiia, 6-1, 6-2); Russia bt Lithuania 3-0. Pool D: Hungary bt Portugal 2-1; Latvia bt Romania 3-0. Pool E: Slovenia bt Tunisia 3-0; Greece bt Israel 2-1.

Pool B: Ireland bt Norway 3-0 (G Niland bt A Jonsson 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; S Nicholson bt C Insiebo, 6-4, 6-3); K Nugent and C Curran bt L-B Anderson and Insiebo, 6-4, 6-4.

WORD-WATCHING

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DAVERED

(a) Withered, faded, drooping, dialect from *daver*: Galsworthy, *Man of Property*, 1906: "Even in the garden, that sense of things being pokey haunted old Jolyon: the wicker chair creaked under his weight; the garden-beds looked daverdy."

SOURSOB

(b) A bulbous plant, *Oxalis cernua*, of the family Oxalidaceae, native to South Africa and widely naturalised as a weed elsewhere, bearing divided leaves and clusters of bright yellow bell-shaped flowers, also called the Bermuda buttercup. "Biological control of several important weeds and pests of South African origin, such as cape tulip, spiny emex, soursob, white wax scale and black beetle."

RAGAZZO

(b) Italian for a young boy, plural *ragazzi*, girl *ragazza*: George Borrow, 1862, *Wild Wales*: "When I was a ragazzo, I knew many from the Lake of Como who dressed just like yourself."

LANTANA

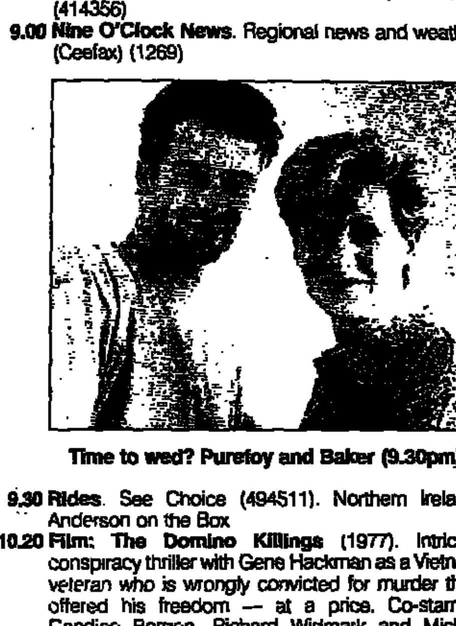
(a) An evergreen herb or shrub of the genus so called, belonging to the family Verbenaceae, often a native of sub-tropical America, and bearing heads of red, yellow, or white flowers, modern Latin: "The scene is the Tweed River district of New South Wales, where banana plantations compete with the lantana creeper for a foothold."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White goes to great lengths to lure the black king to a7: 1 Ra8+! Kxa8 2 Qa1+ Kb8 3 Qa7+! Kxa7 4 Nc6+ and 5 Ra1+ mating.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (28191)
7.00 Breakfast News (80906676)
9.05 A Word in Your Ear. Word game. Neil Kinnock and actress Glenda McKay form a team against Kinnock's wife Glenys and West End star Dave Willetts (s) (4602733)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker take a trip to Edinburgh (s) (2324066)
10.00 News, regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (5486820) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4251820)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Cosy family magazine (62337733)
12.05pm Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2150608)
12.45 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. (s) (21854004) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (18143917)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather. (Ceefax) (48882)
1.30 Neighbours. Jim and Beth head for a showdown (Ceefax) (s) (70459356)
1.50 Eldorado. Lene searches for her husband as the Spanish soap limps on (25846356)
2.20 The Flying Doctors. The new pilot gets in trouble (s) (2280207). Northern Ireland. The Balmoral Show
3.05 Turnabout. Word quiz (s) (3921424)
3.35 Cartoon (5174795)
3.45 Bananaman. Animation (r) (4066578)
3.50 Harum Scarum (r) (s) (4047443)
4.00 The Chipmunks. (r) (8275153)
4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates. Animation. (Ceefax) (s) (7945004)
4.35 Kevin's Cousins. (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2214714)
5.00 Newsround. News presented for children (8318827)
5.05 Round The Twist. (5/12) Australian comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (4010207)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (725733). Northern Ireland: Election Forum (620849); 5.45 Inside Ulster (600085)
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (207)
6.30 Regional news magazines (559). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (8578)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). The events of 1960 and the music of Adam Faith, Duane Eddy and the Rebels, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, the Everly Brothers and Roy Orbison (r). (Ceefax) (443)
8.00 Casualty. Compulsive medical drama series. A pregnant woman seems oddly reluctant to come into casualty (r). (Ceefax) (s) (552153)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (414356)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. Regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (1269)

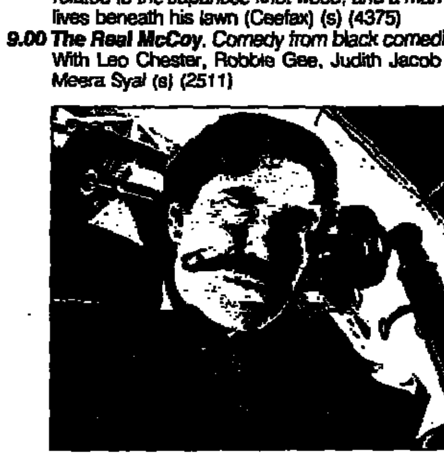


Time to wed? Purefoy and Baker (9.30pm)

9.30 Rides. See Choice (494511). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
10.20 Film: The Domino Killings (1977). Intricate conspiracy thriller with Gene Hackman as a Vietnam veteran who is wrongly convicted for murder then offered his freedom — at a price. Co-starring Candice Bergen, Richard Widmark and Mickey Rooney. Directed by Stanley Kramer (135172). Northern Ireland: Rides (494511); 11.10 Country Times (904998); 11.35-1.20am Film: Volunteers (904998). Wales: 10.20-10.50 State; 10.50-12.30am Film: The Domino Killings
12.00 Weather (8248991). Ends at **12.05am**

BBC2

6.45 Open University (5142191)
8.00 Breakfast News (6042153)
8.15 Westminster. Yesterday's proceedings in Parliament (2857356)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including **11.30** Shakespeare: the Animated Tales. A Midsummer Night's Dream (Ceefax) (3004) **12.30pm Scene** (s) (75375) **1.20 Postman Pat** (7584240)
2.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (15990424) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (40807207)
2.15 Jumpcuts. Preview of the week's Open University programmes (r) (15913375)
2.20 Racing from Newbury. Commentary by Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer (s) (64766085)
4.30 Treasure Houses of England. Tom Conti narrates a feature on eight stately homes (7835004)
5.25 Top Gear (r) (s) (3601085)
6.00 Film: Trail Street (1947 b/w). Western with Randolph Scott starring as the fast-on-the-draw Bat Masterson called upon to help a Kansas town stand up to trail drivers. Co-starring Robert Ryan and Anne Jeffreys. Directed by Ray Enright (8260443)
7.20 Dr Who. Last in Ben Aaronvitch's story, Battlefield. With Sylvestor McCoy (r) (Ceefax) (863153)
7.45 What the Papers Say with John Sweeney of The Observer (868266)
8.00 Public Eye. In tonight's programme, postponed from April 30, Peter Marshall investigates the security measures in operation to protect cashiers and business people (5240)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton has ideas for garden ponds; plus a report on a family of plants related to the Japanese knot weed; and a man who lives beneath his lawn (Ceefax) (s) (4375)
9.00 The Real McCoy. Comedy from black comedians. With Leo Chester, Robbie Gee, Judith Jacob and Meera Syal (s) (2511)



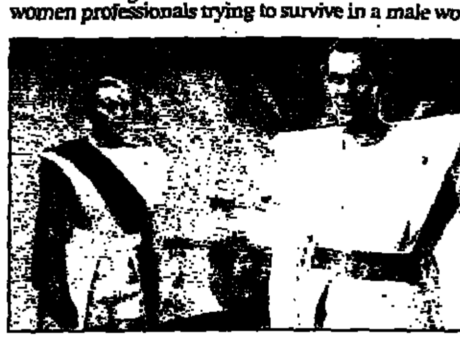
The mysteries of time: Justin Case (9.30pm)

9.30 Measure for Measure (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (55511)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Tongue-in-cheek current affairs quiz with Ian Hislop and Paul Merton joined by Amanda Platell, managing editor of Mirror Group Newspapers, and comedy actress Meera Syal. With Angus Deayton (s) (25882)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (441849)
11.15 Later with Jools Holland. Guests include singer and poet Leonard Cohen (s) (682269). Wales: Wales in Westminster; 11.45-12.25am Later with Jools Holland
12.05am Weather (1498414)
12.10 Rock Docs: The Rock and Roll Singer. On-the-road documentary following Gene Vincent on a four-day UK tour a year before his death (r) (621950). Ends at **1.50**. Wales: 12.30-2.10am Rock Docs

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CHOICE

Rides
BBC1, 9.30pm
The woman cabbies are back, though off-duty preoccupations fill most of tonight's episode. Sue-Lyn (Katharine Schlesinger) is getting married. It is the cue for an elaborately staged Jewish wedding with Carole Hayman, writer of the series, giving herself a plum part as the bride's fussy mother. Scarlett (Caroline Blakeston) is also planning to tie the knot, though there is the matter of her sex change. Perhaps Patrice (Jill Baker) will stop living in sin and marry her toyboy (James Purefoy). Sasha and George, the lesbian dispatch riders, are virtually married already. All of which is splendid soap opera material, but some way from the original thrust of *Rides* which was about women professionals trying to survive in a male world.



Future shock: Raymond Massey, right (C4, 11.10pm)

Things to Come
Channel 4, 11.10pm
Ambitious even by the standards of its flamboyant producer, Alexander Korda, *Things to Come* is still one of the powerful and imaginative examples of science fiction cinema. The imagination came from H. G. Wells, whose screenplay predicts 40 years of world history. Global war is followed by a reversion to the dark ages and the ultimate triumph of technology, culminating in the birth of space travel. As prediction it is wayward, but as cinema engrossing. The American set designer William Cameron Menzies was brought in to direct, helping to give the film its extraordinary visual impact, and Arthur Bliss wrote the stirring score. Raymond Massey, Cedric Hardwicke and Ralph Richardson lead the human element.

Measure For Measure: Time
BBC2, 9.30pm
The light-hearted history of measurement continues to entertain as well as instruct. Time is the topic tonight and if you have ever been stumped over the origins of the year, the month, the day, the hour and the second all is explained here. But the quality of of the series lies in serving up basic information, which could be gleaned from a reference book, in a stylish and imaginative way. Among the contributors are Pat Simmons, for 22 years the voice of the telephone speaking-clock, and the radio newsreader Catriona Young on the hazards of slipping in headlines between Big Ben's erratic chimes. Brian Glover's genial Yorkshire voice supplies the perfect narration and actor Justin Case tots up yet more unlikely characters.

Through the Keyhole
ITV, 7.00pm
Sir David Frost says hello, good evening and welcome, Loyd Grossman polishes up his eccentric vowels and we are off for another guided tour of the homes of the famous. The show is now into its seventh series and at this rate could go on for ever. Its success, presumably, is based on our curiosity about celebrities' private lives, or at least what can be gleaned of them by looking at kitchens and living rooms. The question is how famous the celebrities need to be. It is always slightly embarrassing when one of the homes is not identified, as happens tonight, though Sir David is more than adept at kicking shins under the table. Old hands Alan Coren, Eve Pollard and Patrick Lichfield make up the panel.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6087820)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game with Lennie Bennett (s) (1626337)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4237240)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Daily discussion (4318559)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62321172)
12.10pm Tots TV. Puppet series (s) (9373397)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8210733) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75870849)
1.15 Home and Away. Les makes Blake an attractive offer. (Teletext) (180240)
1.45 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (s) (189511)
2.15 Life Goes On. Corky becomes rebellious at being treated like a child (5317733)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3878530) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3877801)
3.20 Blockbusters. Teenagers' quiz (8993337)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. James is frightened by some bees (r) (4957511)
3.55 Grotbags. Grotbags and Doris enter a competition (r) (s) (7505248)
4.15 Talespin. Animation (r) (s) (1640612)
4.40 Press Gang. Well-written children's drama series set in a newspaper office. (Teletext) (s) (1531375)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4004646)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (342559)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (70820)
7.00 Through the Keyhole (Teletext) (s) See Choice (3646)
7.30 Coronation Street. Doug's van is laid to rest (Teletext) (511)



Birthday blues: Michael Williams (8.00pm)

8.00 Conjugal Rites. Likeable series about a bickering couple reassessing their marriage. Barry (Michael Williams) has an unwelcome birthday present (Teletext) (9066)
8.30 The Gingerbread Girl. Sympathetic comedy about a single mother and her daughter (s) (1801)
9.00 The Chief. East Anglian police drama with Martin Shaw as Chief Constable Alan Cade tonight taking unusual risks in his pursuit of drug barons. (Teletext) (s) (7559)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (29608) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (269337)
10.40 The London Programme looks at the drug trade in the Kings Cross area (767288)
11.10 Beverly Hills, 90210. American teen drama. (Teletext) (s) (694004)
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (s) (7852844)
1.05 Whale On. Topical debate with James Whale (1172399) **2.00 Get Stuffed!** (4521399)
2.05 ITN News headlines (4513370)
2.10 American Gladiators. Events include Powerball, Velcro Joust, Hanging Hooks, Pugel Sticks, American Sumo and the Eliminator (7173848)
3.10 Night Shift (78501134)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news from Hollywood presented by Richard Blade (91888) **3.45 Get Stuffed!** (74750405)
3.50 Austin City Limits. Country music (9068202) **4.55 Night Shift** (89063432)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (29009)
5.30 ITN Morning News (27080). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic comedy with Lucille Ball Today, Lucy travels to Scotland (69066)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon fun with the sparring duo (r) (8368424)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Magazine show with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Includes an interview with soul singer Luther Vandross (61733)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the comedy quiz (s) (39085)
9.30 Schools (816511)
12.00 The Parliament Programme with Anne Perkins (59849)
12.30pm Sesame Street with as guest the actress Whoopi Goldberg (r) (98917)
1.30 Dr Snuggles. Animation (69714)
2.00 Film: Mr Denning Drives North (1951 b/w). Comedy thriller about a man who kills his daughter's criminal boyfriend. Directed by Anthony Kimmins with a starry cast including John Mills, Phyllis Calvert, Sam Wanamaker, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde-White (651627)
3.40 Catch of the Day. Short feature about gourmet shopping (4050917)
3.45 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson creates cauliflower crumble (r). (Teletext) (107917)
4.15 Wise Men. Continuing the series of programmes for Adult Learners' Week. Labourer Roger Griffiths describes how he became a priority housing officer on a Bristol estate (s) (5120284)
4.30 Fifteen to One. William G. Stewart presents the knock-out quiz game. (Teletext) (s) (424)
5.00 Naked Sport: Home of the Brave. A look at American baseball (r). (Teletext) (s) (1789)
6.00 Blossom. Anthony and Joey are delighted when they see a ghost train (s) (917)
6.30 Happy Days. Fonzie panics when Lori Beth goes into labour (269)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (306578)
7.50 First Reaction. Controversial views on the arts
8.00 Europe Express. The European current affairs programme reports on drinking in Finland; a department store in Paris which is thriving on the recession; and a young Italian farmer who has taken on his local Mafia (7608)
8.30 Brookside. The violent atmosphere in the home of the Jordashes is becoming unbearable. (Teletext) (s) (9443)



Turning a new leaf: Frances Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 Grow Your Greens. Sophie Grigson meets Frances Smith, who grows exotic salad leaves, discovers Adrian Jones's prize radishes, and talks to chicory enthusiast Ned Trier. (Teletext) (7207)
9.30 Cheers. Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley in the American pub comedy (80207)
10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne persuades Jackie to leave her boyfriend. (Teletext) (s) (50578)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Guests include Lenny Henry (412337)
11.10 Film: Things to Come (1936 b/w) See Choice (474608)
12.50am Wise Men. Repeat of this afternoon's programme (s) (2331979)
1.05-2.00 It's Showtime at the Apollo. Featured tonight are Level 42, Najee, Adam Sandler and Melba Moore's tribute to Billie Holliday, "God Bless the Child" (r) (1163641)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50pm The Young Doctors (8993337) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (4004646) **6.00** Home and Away (124356) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (181789) **10.45** Anglia Live (215795) **11.45** Love and War (776337) **12.10-1.05am** Night Heat (7861592) **2.05** Raw Power (9491347) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7984641) **4.00** Sportsworld (98776) **4.30** Riviera (74047) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (29009)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45pm Challenge (8322646) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5317733) **3.20-3.50** GP (8993337) **6.00** Lookaround (375) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (627) **10.40** The Country Show (767288) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (323004) **12.10-1.05am** The War of the Worlds (7861592) **2.05** Raw Power (9491347) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7984641) **4.00** Sportsworld (98776) **4.30** Riviera (74047) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (29009)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (180240) **1.45** Home and Away (189511) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (6415086) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8993337) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (4004646) **6.00** Home and Away (124356) **6.25-7.00** Central News (181789) **10.40** Crime Stalker (767288) **11.10** Film: The Corn is Green (476066) **12.50am** Whale On (8237660) **1.50** The Beat (8020115) **2.50** Entertainment UK (9671134) **3.50** Night Shift (67014196) **4.05** Jobfinder (8028196) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6638757)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Fashion File (189511) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5317733) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8993337) **6.00** HTV News (375) **6.30-7.00** Great Westerners (627) **10.40** Brewhouse Jazz (767288) **11.10** Married with Children (637714) **11.40-1.05am** Film: How Awful About Allan (210801) **2.05** Raw Power (9491347) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7984641) **4.00** Sportsworld (98776) **4.30** Riviera (74047) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (29009)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Married... with Children **11.10-11.40** Get Wet

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm Grass Roots (104820) **2.45-3.10** Material World (5062511) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8993337) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (70820) **10.40** Laughing Gas '93 (767288) **11.10** Film: The Hunter (212795) **2.05am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9986592) **2.35** Raw Power (9657554) **3.35** Cue the Music (1393863) **4.30** Zorro (13341370) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (29009)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10pm Film. The Connection (8499424) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8993337) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (727443) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (627) **10.40** The Warehouse (530172) **11.40-1.05am** Film: The Bait (Donna Mills, Michael Constantine) (210801) **2.05** The Big E (9151172) **3.00** Film: Roman Scandals (278399) **4.40-5.30** The Bicentennial Concert (4106573)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00pm UTV Live at Six (812085) **10.40** Kelly (6083240) **12.10-1.05am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (7861592) **2.05** Raw Power (9491347) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7984641) **4.00** Sportsworld (98776) **4.30** Riviera (74047) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (29009)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (189511) **2.15** The Sullivans (104820) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (5062511) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8993337) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (70820) **10.40** Crime Stalker (767288) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (212608) **12.15-1.05am** Women in Rock (7248414) **2.05** Raw Power (9491347) **3.05** Entertainment UK (7984641) **4.00** Sportsworld (98776) **4.30** Riviera (74047) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (29009)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10pm Film. The Connection (6499424) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8993337) **5.55** Calendar (727443) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (627) **10.40** The Warehouse (530172) **11.40-1.05am** Film: The Bait (210801) **2.05** The Big E (9151172) **3.00** Film. Roman Scandals (Eddie Cantor, Ruth Etting, Gloria Stuart) (278399) **4.40-5.30** The Bicentennial Concert (4106573)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (61733) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (39085) **9.30** Ysgolion (816511) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (59849) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (60443) **1.00** Little Rosey (64820) **1.30** Blossom (69714) **2.00** Maiden Voyage (6612) **2.30** Film: Prisoner of Zenda (34825269) **4.15** Do Someone a Favour (7898795) **4.25** Slot 23 (7810785) **5.00** Fifteen to One (1424) **5.30** Brookside (284) **6.00** Newyddion (575066) **6.10** Heno (193462) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1288) **7.30** Gettau Uffern (153) **8.00** Goruon Awyrlach (7608) **8.30** Newyddion (283559) **8.55** Gwyl Ffilmiau Galtaidd 1993 (365808) **9.45** San Steffan (187191) **10.00** Roseanne (50578) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (412337) **11.10** Film. Things To Come (113085) **12.55-1.10am** Wise Men (2323950)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (48243191) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4237998) **9.10** Cartoons (6284443) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (22207) **10.00** Card Sharks (6863733) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9910022) **10.30** Concentration (91849) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (24191) **11.30** Falcon Crest (71627) **12.30pm** E Street (93795) **1.00** Another World (6365849) **1.45** Santa Barbara (743733) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (405356) **3.15** Different Strokes (731998) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5334248) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9849) **6.00** Games World (9191) **6.30** E Street (7153) **7.00** Rescue (8838) **7.30** Family Ties (6627) **8.00** V (57917) **9.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (37153) **10.00** Code 3 (76530) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83240) **11.30** Night Court (87207) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.30am News and Business Report (412004) **9.30** Nightline (77511) **10.30** 48 Hours (66917) **11.30** International Business Report (79269) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (60733) **1.30** Good Morning America (61462) **2.30** Parliament (17288) **3.30** The Lords (97375) **4.30** News and Business Report (6240) **5.00** Live at Five (75801) **8.30** News and Business Report (25207) **7.30** 48 Hours (4269) **10.30** Nightline (81882) **11.30** ABC News (77191) **12.30am** 48 Hours (15414) **1.30** ABC News (72047) **2.30** Getaway (79009) **3.30** ABC News (74554) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (92399) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (98592)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5636917)
10.00 Sugarland Express (1974): Goldie Hawn springs her husband from jail (97511)
12.00 Aces High (1977): Second world war drama starring Malcolm McDowell (83627)
2.00pm Disaster on the Coastliner (1979): Two trains are programmed to collide. Starring Lloyd Bridges (54820)
4.00 Hour of the Gun (1967). James Garner plays lawman Wyatt Earp (4153)
6.00 Sugarland Express (as 10am) (41356)
8.00 Conan the Destroyer (1984): Arnold Schwarzenegger as the barbarian warrior (82231004) **9.40 US Top Ten** (977801)
10.00 Daughter of the Streets (1991): Jane Alexander searches for her runaway daughter, played by Roxana Zal (782004)
11.35 American Kickboxer (1991): Rivalry erupts between two champions (241646)
1.05am Strangers (1991). James Healey has an affair with a psychopath (2545912)

2.30 Prepples (1990): Three girls exact revenge on their boyfriends (5008202)
3.50 Whispers (1989): Writer Victoria Tennant is stalked by an occult killer (591028). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Angels with Dirty Faces (1938, b/w): James Cagney and Pat O'Brien grow up and apart (32646)
8.00 The First Deadly Sin (1980): Frank Sinatra trails a serial killer (37191)
10.00 The Long Riders (1980): Violent western about rival gangs. Starring Stacy Keach (942424). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Proud Rebel (1958): Alan Ladd seeks medical help for his son (16066)
8.00 The Pied Piper of Hamelin Animation (92849)
9.00 Brer Rabbit (1991): Cartoon (90820)
10.00 Battle Taxi (1955): Korean war drama starring Sterling Hayden (95153)
12.00 Operation Kid Brother (1967): James Bond spoof starring Sean Connery's younger brother, Neil (61269)
2.00pm The Guys (1990): Tragi-comedy starring James Woods and John Lithgow (52462)
4.00 The Pied Piper of Hamelin (as 8am) (47563) **5.00 Brer Rabbit** (as 9am) (2559)
6.00 The Big Picture (1989): Comedy starring Kevin Bacon as an aspiring screenwriter (49998)
8.00 The Antagonists (1991): Murder-mystery starring David Andrews (44443)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991): Demi Moore and Glenne Headly are accused of murdering Bruce Willis (870608)
11.45 The Thing (1982): An alien menaces Antarctic scientists (549646)
1.30am Manifesto (1988): Black comedy set in a Balkan village (328689)
3.10 Bed and Breakfast (1991): Roger Moore is pursued by a widow, her daughter and grand-daughter (8168318)
4.40 Lookalike (1990): Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman believes that her daughter is still alive (2000641). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (16135) **7.00** European Golf (58207) **9.00** Morning Stretch (52559) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (72801) **10.00** European League Round-Up (37714) **11.00** Spanish Grand Prix (57578) **12.00** FIA Rally Championship Tour de Course (62424) **1.00pm** Tennis: Italian Open (1212733) **5.30** Indy 500 Practice (1578) **6.00** FA Cup Preview (69606) **7.00** European Golf: Spanish Open (899004) **10.00** Rugby's Man of Steel Awards (33838) **11.00** Indy 500 Practice (49424) **11.30** FIA Rally (95511) **12.30-2.30am** Tennis. Italian Open (69399)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (33998) **8.00** NHL Ice Hockey (13646) **10.00** World Cup Football (87733) **12.00** European Cup Football (16199) **2.00pm** WTA Tennis (6714424) **6.00** NBA Basketball (3559) **6.30** News (7511) **7.00** Motorsport (91375) **8.00** NHL Ice Hockey (77795) **9.00** Boxing (63004) **10.30** Motorcycling (37240) **11.00** WTA Tennis (94375) **12.30-1.00am** News (31478)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35490337) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35411820) **6.30** Jem (1507191) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (6904017) **7.30** Neighbours (1025612) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8061269) **8.30** EastEnders (8053240) **9.00** The Bill (8077820) **9.30** The Brothers (8489153) **10.30** Tenko (1446630) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6369559) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8064356) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2952085) **1.00** EastEnders (1920068) **1.30** The Bill (2951356) **2.00** Never the Twain (4163269) **2.30** Solo (4552578) **3.00** Dallas (6363375) **4.00** Dynasty (6342882) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4187849) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4523066) **6.00** Neighbours (4553207) **6.30** The Brothers (8734172) **7.30** Never the Twain (4533443) **8.00** EastEnders (4176733) **8.30** Solo (4155240) **9.00** Tenko (4869337) **10.00** The Bill (8065085) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (8074733) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (6343611) **11.30** Dr Who: Ambassadors of Death (1594627) **12.00** Film. The Undead (1957, b/w) starring Richard Garland (78403047) **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (3513283)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (33085) **7.00** Ratkan II (99153) **8.00** Jack in the Box (89288) **11.00** Stones Without Words (61675) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (51284) **12.00** Secret Valley (84086) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (11714) **2.00** Stones Without Words (1004) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (8408) **3.00** Bobobobs (4989269) **3.25** RatKan II (98439337) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (4191) **6.00-7.00** Fame (31578)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **5.00** News '93 **5.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here! **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band: Highlights of the Boosey and Hawkes European brass band championship **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11. **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** The Music Box, **9.45** Something to Think About; **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** It's My Party: Pat Cash (r) **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **5.30** Nigel and Earl Sort Out the World **7.15** Hard Cash (final part) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby Wax **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** The World That Came in from the Cold **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sport **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The World That Came in from the Cold **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Smile **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** News **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** News **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Samuel's Story **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** News **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice: Anne Robinson (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 3, Organ) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko live from Hollywood **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Access to Maths — Starting Countdown **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Alwyn (Overture to a Masque); Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo capriccioso); Haydn (Symphony No 69 in C, Laudon); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Handel (Theodora, Act 2: University of California at Berkeley Chamber Chorus; Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under Nicholas McGegan)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: The artist Peter Blake, who compiled the sleeve for the Beatles' album *Sgt Pepper*, recalls the group's recording sessions at Abbey Studios
10.10 Morning Sequence: Mozart (String Quartet in D minor, K421); Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); Mozart (Symphony No 33 in B flat, K319); Beethoven (String Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No 2, Razumovsky)
12.00 Verdi Songs (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Richard McMahon, piano, plays Bartók (Eight Improvisations on Hungarian Peasant Songs); Stravinsky (Piano Sonata); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 5); Rachmaninov (Variations on a theme of Corelli, Op 42)
2.00 The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra: Denis McCaldin presents recordings by the London Classical Players and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in the last of seven programmes. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat, Finale), Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs Juges); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat), Bach, transcr Schneider (Concerto for oboe and violin, from Double Keyboard concerto in C minor, BWV 1060); Dvořák (Czech Suite — excerpts), Ravel (Laideronnette, Ma mere L'oye); Maxwell-Davies (Sinfonia Concertante, Finale); Stravinsky (Apollon Musagète)
4.05 Messiaen and McLeod: Irene Drummond, soprano, Iain Burnside, piano, perform Messiaen (Poèmes pour Mi, Book 2); John McLeod (Three Poems of Irina Ratushinskaya)
4.30 Music from the Middle East: Bill Badley presents recordings made in the Yemen and Oman
5.00 In Tune, with Peter Paul Nash
7.30 BBC Welsh SO: Live from Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Tadaaki Otaka conducts Mahler (Symphony No 6)
8.55 The Message: The Giant Leap. In the last of four programmes exploring the philosophies of the 1960s, David Gale evokes the moment when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first walked on the moon
9.20 Early Music from Regensburg: Chapelle Royale Paris Vocal Ensemble under Philippe Herreweghe sings a sequence of five-part motets by Orlando di Lasso
9.55 Edith Vogel Plays Brahms: Three Intermezzi, Op 117; Rhapsody in B minor, Op 79 No 1; Four Pieces, Op 119 (r)
10.45 Single Strong Voices: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Sarah Walker presents John Tavener's *The Whale* and the Beatles' "Revolution 9"
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the political commentator John Cole (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell with real-life stories from Bentley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): Simon Brett presents diary extracts for May 14
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of bereavement. Read by Virginia McKenna, Keely Marshall, Dermot Crowley and John Moffatt
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Belfast, talks to a victim of sexual abuse; celebrates the strawberry; and reports on world peace movements. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End, by Patrick MacGill (final part) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde investigates the life of Robert Louis Stevenson with his biographer, Frank McLynn; and Tony Parker talks about his new collection of interviews, *May the Lord in His Mercy Be Kind to Belfast*
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope listens to the Andy Sheppard Trio; visits an exhibiton of nude photography at the Association Gallery; and reviews the RSC's production of *Murder in the Cathedral*
4.45 Short Story: West Wirral Story, by Michael Carson. Read by Maureen O'Brien
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Simon Brett
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Middlesbrough, Cleveland. The panel comprises Tim Clement Jones, treasurer of the Liberal Democrats; Dr Brian Mawhinney, health minister; Jane Reed, head of corporate affairs, News International; and Joan Ruddock, Opposition front bench spokesperson on home affairs
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: UK Masala (r). See Choice
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Day Trips to the Desert, by Geoff Nicholson. Bill Nighy reads the final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Kaleidoscope: UK Masala. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*
Shaila Parthasarathi reports on some young British-born Asians who are mixing a cocktail from traditional and contemporary western art forms. As this is radio, we can only imagine what new things the actress-singer Shreela Ghosh is doing with the old language of dance. But we actually *hear* what musicians such as the tabla player Sarwar Sabri are aiming to achieve with jazz and other pop styles. Parthasarathi visits Birmingham, Bradford, and London, encountering talent that swings between the subtle and the brash.

1968 Season: Single Strong Voices. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
The five women novelists to whom Michèle Roberts chats tonight all began writing during the "swinging sixties". All were influenced by the artistic liberation the decade offered. However, for listeners beginning to tire of this sixties season, there is a some relief because Roberts has not confined Margaret Drabble, Fay Weldon, Beryl Bainbridge, Maureen Duffy and Nell Dunn in a period straitjacket. She offers them the time and space to flex their literary muscles, which they do to stimulating effect.
Peter Davalle

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Speculation links Merseyside club with sale of shareholdings

Everton face uncertain future



Kendall: little money

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE future of Everton, one of the so-called "Big Five" clubs of English football but labouring under a debt of £4 million, was the subject of speculation yesterday following reports that the Moores family is prepared to sell its major shareholding.

The surprising level of debt, which will be announced at the annual meeting in August, has heightened interest in the financial backing of Everton and its great rival, Liverpool, both of which have had disappointing seasons in the Premier League.

Sir John Moores, the chief shareholder in Everton, is 97 and not in good health, while his nephew, David Moores, is the chairman and majority shareholder of Liverpool. He also owns 15 shares in Everton.

It is believed that the family, which made its money from the Littlewoods pools and stores empire, will eventually concentrate its interest on one club and it is likely to be Liverpool. This would leave a vacancy for someone with the vision and money to maintain Everton's status as one of the leading clubs in the country.

Keith Tomlin, an Everton director and senior partner in Cuff Roberts, the Merseyside solicitors, who act for both the club and members of the Moores family, issued a statement yesterday on behalf of Dr David Marsh, the Everton chairman. It described an article in the *Liverpool Echo*, which suggested that buyers for the club were being sought, as being of a "highly speculative nature. The major shareholder in the Everton Football Club has no intention of selling his shareholding."

Sir John bought his 40 per cent shareholding in Everton for about £100,000 in the Sixties and it is now worth about £2.5 million. The total share capital is worth approximately £6 million, with each of the individual 2,400 shares being valued at £2,500 each. It is certain that Everton will announce debts of £4 million on August 12, despite having raised £2 million earlier this year by selling Martin Keown, the England defender, to Arsenal.

The *Liverpool Echo* speculated that the Everton board had instructed its bankers, Hill Samuel, to investigate new ways of financing the club. However, sources at Everton insisted that although it was always talking to its bankers, the club had never given such instructions.

It would probably suit Everton if the Moores shares were sold because the club needs new capital if it is to retain its membership of the Big Five, with Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. Like all leading clubs, it has had to spend money on conforming with the requirements of the Taylor Report of having all-seat stadiums by the beginning of the 1994-5 season.

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, has already been told that he will have little money available to purchase new players, despite a poor performance in the Premier League this season when the club narrowly avoided relegation. While publicity has centred this season on the poor form of Liverpool, Everton also never looked like challenging for the league title of FA Cup.

One man who was linked to a possible share deal is Irving Scholar, the former Tottenham chairman, who helped launch the north London club on the Stock Market. He took Tottenham through its public flotation but later sold his interest to Terry Venables, his former manager, and Alan Sugar, the Amstrad tycoon.

However, Scholar, who lives in Monaco but is visiting England for the FA Cup final, said yesterday: "I am not buying Everton football club. Whoever put my name forward has got it wrong."

☐ Players in the Premier League will wear shirts with their name and squad number on the back next season. It is likely the players will be nominated a number in August and keep it throughout the season.

Wells states firm case for England selection

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HOVE (first day of three): Sussex have scored 353 all out against the Australians

ALAN Wells might easily have played for England before now but for the impatience that drove him to South Africa. Even at 31, his chance need not have gone and, yesterday, he batted long enough and well enough against the Australians to suggest he considers it far from a lost cause.

Wells was unequivocal in his reasons for joining the 1991 tour, which eliminated him from England reckoning. He had wearied of waiting to be recognised, if not by selection then by encouragement from those who matter.

In two years under suspension, however, Wells showed no sign of diminishing form — indeed, those at Hove believe he has never played with more authority. Yesterday, with the raised-bat method that is more productive than pleasing, the Sussex captain did what he has been doing for some years, holding his team's batting together.

Wells fell seven runs short of a century, having batted more than four hours in contrasting styles. He scored his first 50 at two runs an over and his next 30 at barely one per over; either side of tea, he spent 70 minutes in the seventies. But, as usual, the mark of his class was his assured on-driving, often, even against the seam bowlers, from several paces down the pitch.

He was out to one of several sharp catches on a day that showed the touring side's outcricket in better light than their bowling. There were wickets for three of the four quicker bowlers, but the Australians conceded 30 no-balls and seem no nearer to resolving who will support the strike force of McDermott and Hughes.

The best option may turn out to be Brendon Julian, only 22 and inexperienced but already showing the virtues of the left-armer. He took three of the first four wickets yesterday. Two were caught at slip and the third leg-before, all three victims of his angle of delivery.

England have a poor record against such bowlers, as Australia must be aware, and when Julian returned, late on a chill evening, he completed figures of five for 63, though not before Ian Salisbury had made a dashing 59 to put Sussex in an enviable overnight position.

Bill Athey was the first to fall to Julian, having batted with typical diligence on the first day of his Sussex registration. His job in this side will be to drop anchor, though Keith Greenfield put in a rival claim for the role by batting 54 overs for 55.

Julian's return split a third-wicket stand worth 133 and, in the space of four balls, Greenfield was smartly held by Border at slip and Martin Speight played around a straight one.

Colin Wells and Peter Moores were out to Merv Hughes, who had earlier bowled a genuinely fast and unlucky spell up the hill. He is still carrying evidence of his lay-off around the midriff and spent his rest periods as the team's cheerleader. It was a day on which they needed one.

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SCOREBOARD

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Healy b McDermott	11
C W J Athey c Hayden b Julian	33
K Greenfield c Border b Julian	55
*A P Wells c Martyn b McDermott	93
M P Speight lbw b Julian	0
C M Wells c Hayden b Hughes	6
†P Moores c Healy b Hughes	22
I D K Salisbury c Reiffel b Julian	59
A C S Pigott c Reiffel b Julian	5
A N Jones b Waugh	20
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 3, nb 30)	49
Total	353

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-76, 3-209, 4-209, 5-220, 6-244, 7-295, 8-322, 9-350.

BOWLING: McDermott 23-3-89-2; Hughes 18-3-58-2; Reiffel 21-2-68-0; Julian 22-5-63-5; May 17-3-53-0; Waugh 2.1-0-16-1.

AUSTRALIANS: M J Slater, M L Hayden, D R Martyn, S R Waugh, *A R Border, B P Julian, †I A Healy, T B A May, M G Hughes, C J McDermott and P R Reiffel.

Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen.

Ballesteros finds touch as lightning strikes twice

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN MADRID

IF THEY try to tell you it does not rain in Spain, do not believe them. Torrential rain, claps of thunder and bolts of lightning interrupted play on the opening day of the Peugeot Spanish Open at the Royal Automobile Club of Spain near Madrid yesterday.

And if they say lightning does not strike twice, do not believe that, either. Once was enough for Severiano Ballesteros. A huge bolt cracked, seemingly right above his head, as he completed his round of 69, stopping the clock on the first tee barely 100 yards away.

For good measure, another lightning bolt struck a few minutes later. "I was really scared out there," Ballesteros said.

After his recent poor form, Ballesteros was encouraged by his round, but the problems of his back and lack of confidence remain.

"On the practice ground, Seve's swing looks good — he's freewheeling it," Ian Woosnam said of his playing partner. "But on the course he is not able to do that. He is trying to guide the ball — it's not flowing."

The storm broke in the early afternoon and play was suspended for three and a half hours. As there had been a 15-minute stoppage due to rain in the morning and there was another one in the early evening, it was a disjointed, not to say damp, day.

Play was finally abandoned when 75 players had finished their rounds. Perhaps the tournament should be moved to Britain.

The demands of the great god, television, dictated that Nick Faldo, Woosnam, Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle and José María Olazábal all played early in the morning. They completed their rounds before the second suspension of play. After a 67, Woosnam leads by one stroke from Faldo and Ronan Rafferty with a clutch of five players on 69 — Ballesteros, Mark James, Stephen Richardson, Eduardo Romero and Glen Day, of the United States.

One stroke further behind are Carl Mason, Sam Torrance and Justin Hobday, of South Africa.

Woosnam was on his last green when the lightning hit. Ballesteros was all for running for the clubhouse, but Romero talked him out of it. "You can do what you like, but I'm holing out," Woosnam said. Later, he said that they probably should have sought sanctuary. "I was a bit scared, a bit tentative," he said.

The lightning was only the half of it. The course was rather frightening, too. It has fairways as narrow as a cathedral aisle, thick rough and many — too many — blind shots.

Three of its four par threes are 200 yards or more. The rain had dampened the fairways so that even as long a hitter as Woosnam needed a two-iron and a six-iron to cover the 406-yard tenth hole.

Woosnam has been lightly-raced so far this year, competing in a mere seven tournaments. In the weeks off he has been water-skiing, playing friendly golf and buying a house in Jersey, into which he hopes to move in July after the Open. He is slowly gaining in confidence, although he said that if he was asked to play in the Ryder Cup and was not playing well, he would decline. "It's too much pressure when you're playing well," he said. "If you're playing badly, it's even worse."

The way Faldo talked after his round of 68 you would have thought he had gone round in 74. And it was all because he had made a mess of his last hole, hitting a five-iron into a bunker and taking a bogey.

Sometimes he is too hard on himself. Then again, if he did not set himself such high standards, he would not be the player he is.

He did, however, pat himself on the back for saving his score by getting out of a bunker and one-putting three times. "Three great bunker shots," he said. "All up-and-downs from bad positions."

Rafferty once played 21 events in a row, earning himself a reputation as one of the strong men of the tour. Now he is much more selective and yesterday his 69 was a welcome glimpse of his best form.

☐ Matthew Blackey, 21, from Hayling Island, who gave up work seven weeks ago to concentrate on golf, chose a dramatic way to qualify for the English open amateur strokeplay championship at Stoneham yesterday.

Blackey equalled the lowest round at the Southampton course by shooting a nine-under-par 63. His round, which included five putts of between 20 and 35 feet, matched the professional record set in 1961 and knocked two strokes off the 21-year-old amateur record.

Blackey, who plays off a plus-two handicap, turned in 30 and, after bogeying the 11th, birdied five of the next six holes.

DESMOND BOYLAN



Up and out: Faldo follows his bunker shot through during a round of 68 in Madrid yesterday

FIRST ROUND

Completed rounds before play was suspended

GB and Ireland unless stated

67: I Woosnam. 68: N Faldo, R Rafferty. 69: S Ballesteros (Sp), M James, S Richardson, E Romero (Arg), G Day (US). 70: C Mason, S Torrance, J Hobday (SA). 71: J Berendt (Arg), M Gates, W Riley (Aus), J Coceres (Arg), G Levenson (SA), M Roe. 72: J Hawkes (SA), R Boxall, A Lyle, A Hunter 73: G Call (It), E O'Connell, A Hare, I Palmer (SA), D Gilford. 74: M Clayton (Aus), S Grappasonni (It), J M Olazábal (Sp), M-A Martin (Sp), R McFarlane. 75: J Robson, T Levet (Fr), H Selby-Green, D Silva (Por), A Johnstone (Zim), A Garrido (Sp), R Allenby (Aus). 76: J-M Carriles (Sp), B Marchbank. 77: J Sewell, P Teravainen (US), P Hall, R Hartmann (US). 78: J Rosello (Sp).

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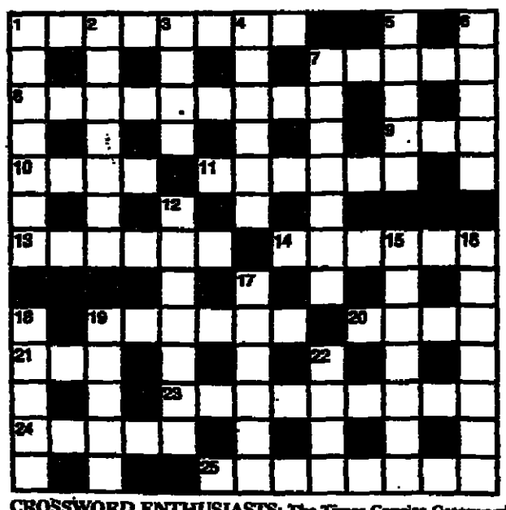
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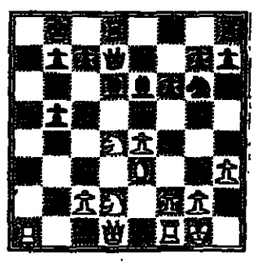
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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

DAVERED
a. Withered
b. A pinkish red
c. Covered with leather

SOURSOB
a. A false sympathiser
b. A South African weed
c. A Border boiled sweet

RAGAZZO
a. Curly chicory
b. A young lad
c. A musical instruction

LANTANA
a. An evergreen shrub
b. Faraway and out of mind
c. A Mexican canteen

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